



Dorothy D. Cawley

November 27, 1925 - August 1, 2014

Dorothy was born in Winchendon, MA and grew up in Providence, RI. While training with the Cadet Nurse Corps in Providence, she met William John Cawley (Bill), a young sailor from San Francisco. They married on April 21, 1945 and eventually settled in Walnut Creek, CA, where they raised their four children. Dorothy's husband Bill, owned Cawley Plumbing in Walnut Creek and Dorothy worked alongside him. Bill died of mesothelioma in 1982.

Dorothy kept the business going until her retirement in 1990, becoming one of the first female licensed plumbing contractors in California.

In her later years, Dorothy stayed busy with 2 houses; her Walnut Creek home and her beautiful Bodega Bay ocean view home, where she loved to entertain her many visitors. It was her favorite place on earth.

In 2005, Dorothy moved permanently to Benicia, CA to be closer to family. She loved being close to her son Bill and she grew to love Benicia as well. Dorothy was pre-deceased by her husband Bill Cawley (1982), son Patrick (1978), and grandson Ryan Patrick Cawley (2011).

Dorothy is survived by her son William J. Cawley and wife Leeann of Benicia, CA; son Michael Cawley and wife Kitty of Davis, CA; daughter Kathleen Cawley Anderson and husband Dave of Pioneer, CA; 7 grand children and 10 great-grand children.

The family would like to thank Rhonda, Gwen, and the staff of the Ramirez Care Home in Vallejo, CA for their loving care of our mom for the past 2 ½ years. They were like family to all of us.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Dorothy's memory to "The Plumbers Team - American Cancer Society - Relay for Life of Benicia" at <http://www.relayforlife.org> or the charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel (901 West 2nd St., Benicia, CA) at 12 PM on August 11, 2014. Visitation will be at the mortuary from 3-6 pm on Sunday.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy D. Cawley*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Bill, Leeann and all the Cawley family - My thoughts are with you for your loss. I am fortunate to have known Dorothy, she touched my life in a special way with our conversations on life, family and the state we both came from. What a wonderful lady, she will be missed greatly.*

Rick Daniels

Rick Daniels - August 09, 2014 at 04:32 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to the Cawley Family on your Loss. Your Mother is Resting in Peace with Her Loved Ones and God.*

The Joseph Posedel Family

Joseph Posedfel - August 09, 2014 at 10:02 AM



“ *It was great growing up on 3RD Ave. in Walnut Creek where I have some of my best memories. Staying at the Cawley's felt like a second home to me. (Although not being able to eat meat on Fridays did seem a little odd) Dorothy and Bill always treated the kids in the neighborhood as their own and Mike and I became best friends.*

I feel pain for the Cawley family at a time like this their Mom will be missed.

Gary Landgraf 8/8/2014

gary landgraf - August 08, 2014 at 01:31 PM

BI

“ *I love you Gramsie. I will always miss you and I thank you and appreciate you for being my grandmother and my friend. Love your first grandchild - Billy*

Bill Cawley, III - August 08, 2014 at 11:29 AM

PB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Cawley family on the loss of your loved one. May you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May your love and memories sustain you in this difficult time. Rest in peace Mrs. Cawley. Paula Bailey*

PAULA BAILEY - August 08, 2014 at 11:07 AM



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“ *My prayers & thoughts are with the Cawley family at this sad difficult time. Always hard to say goodbye to a mother, grandmother. May she rest in peace.*

Carol King - August 05, 2014 at 07:36 PM

