



## Dorothy June Croker

October 22, 1934 - April 13, 2019

Dorothy June Croker (Dottie), a retired organist and pianist, died early Saturday morning April 13th due to advanced lung disease at the age of 84. She had moved from Atlanta to Annapolis in January of 2017 after being diagnosed with interstitial lung disease in November of 2016. She passed away in her home at the corner of State Circle and Maryland Avenue in downtown historic Annapolis. Dottie was born on October 22, 1934 in Greensboro North Carolina to Alex and Sarah Phillips – their only child. She graduated from college with a degree in sacred music and went on to play both the organ and the piano at Clairmont Baptist Church in Atlanta and then Epworth Methodist Church in Candler Park. She loved to travel – She traveled all over the world – Europe, Africa, China, Moldova, Scotland and Ireland just to name a few. Sometimes she went with close friends and relatives and other times she traveled and sang with the chorus members of the “Jubalheirs” of which she was a longtime member. She loved reading, singing, playing, performing, writing and spending time with her family members. She always knew most of the answers on Jeopardy, and she loved animals. She remained positive and upbeat even in times of great tragedy, and deep sorrow and was always grateful for the blessings bestowed on her. She was open to all ways of life and passed judgement on no one. She lived her life in awe of the planet on which she lived, embracing the earth’s beauty and being humbled by its elements. She was small but fierce. She is survived by her only daughter, Sarah Joan Smith (Annapolis), her only granddaughter Maggie Jean Young

(Charleston) and her son-in-law Joe O. Smith. She is also survived by her first cousins: Berta Lou Scott (North Carolina) and Denise Tysor (Florida), as well as her close friends in Atlanta: Dan Treadaway, Eric Still, Janie Howington, and Sue Farish and, last but not least - her cats Nimue and Ambra. As she would say if she were here, "Make way for the living." (Harry Manx)

# Tribute Wall

FO

“ *Dorothy June Croker*

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**Funeral Home Owner** - December 12, 2019 at 11:23 AM

MP

“ *Dotti was a beautiful friend, and I love her. I am so grateful our paths crossed when we were Atlanta residents. We enjoyed staying in touch with pictures after we went in different directions, and the photo of a tree on a winter day is a moment captured by her artistic eye. I purchased a tree in memory of her. Marty Peeler*

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**Marty Peeler** - April 27, 2019 at 11:01 AM

EP

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Dottie's family. We met Dottie when our churches in Atlanta merged in 2016. She was such a sweet person. Ellen Patrick, Terry Price and Julia*

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**Ellen Patrick** - April 23, 2019 at 08:33 AM

EP

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**Ellen Patrick** - April 22, 2019 at 06:35 PM

DP

“ All though I had not known Dottie for a long time I always felt like i had known her forever!! I sure will miss hearing her stories!! She was such a sweet person !! Even when she wasnt feeling her best she would never let on that she felt bad ! I am really going to miss seeing her ! My deepest sympathy to Joan and family!! Rest in Peace Dottie 💜💜

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**Dorene Purnell** - April 20, 2019 at 01:08 PM

JY

“ Miss Dottie was truly a pleasure to know. When she would stop in and visit my antique shop, she would make my whole day! She radiated pure kindness and had such a lovely appreciation of beauty. I did not know Dottie well. In fact, I didn't know she had devoted her life to sacred music, but it makes perfect sense to me now. God is love and Miss Dottie sure made a lot of people feel loved. Our little corner of Annapolis will miss her terribly.

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**Joanna Young** - April 18, 2019 at 10:46 PM

MW

“ To meet Dottie was to remember her always. Her delightful smile and warm embrace were all-encompassing and comforting. She was a lovely raconteur with a treasure trove of stories. We are lucky to have known her.

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**Mark Wagner** - April 18, 2019 at 06:06 PM

JH

“ In 40 years, Dottie & I shared such good times, putting on plays, singing in church, traveling, trivia, laughing till we cried and so much more. With profound sadness I must just hold on to the memories of a great friendship that has moved into history. I will think of you Dottie whenever I see a waterfall, pet a purring cat, smell a lovely blossom, all the beauty of nature that we loved so much. I raise my glass to you and your devotion to your friends & family who you loved so much.

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**Janie Howington** - April 18, 2019 at 04:50 PM

LM

“ Nana (because that's who she was to me growing up) was a kind person with a big heart. Who always welcomed me with open arms. I'm so happy that I, along with Maggie was able to do all the things that we did with nana, from church choir to trips to St. Simon or Jekyll island to just spending time with her at the house. I'll always think of her fondly and will miss her deeply! I'll look on the time I spent with her with love. We were all very lucky to have her in our lives.

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**Liz Morais** - April 18, 2019 at 04:33 PM

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“ Oh how we Jubalheirs loved our Dottie! She has truly been missed in our midst. I, for one, have wonderful memories of our trip to Moldova. she was an inspiration and a warrior for Christ.

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**Shirley Elledge** - April 18, 2019 at 02:29 PM