



Dorothy Kathleen Reid

September 19, 1917 - August 12, 2011

Dateline: Alton

Dorothy Kathleen Norman Reid, 93, died at 10:20 a.m. Friday, August 12, 2011 at Alton Memorial Hospital. She resided in Ft. Myers, Florida for the past 15 years. Born September 19, 1917 in Alton, she was the daughter of Joseph Charles and Mable C. (Carhart) Norman. Dorothy was the youngest of nine children (Charles, Ranaldo, Glorine, Mary Louise, Marvin "Jack", William "Bill", Otero, and Irene). She was raised where Norman's landing is located long before there was a river road. One of Dorothy's daily chores as a young girl was tending buoys and navigational lights for river traffic. It was tending those same lights years later that caused the death of Dorothy's first husband John Doyle Helm. Dorothy was one of a group of women who were responsible for having a stop light installed at Godfrey Grade School. Dorothy was also a Red Cross volunteer nurse during WWII. She is survived by her sons John Charles Helm of Ft. Myers, FL, Robert William Reid of Grand Haven, MI, two granddaughters Debbie Brynteson, Westminster, CO, Traci Helm-Woods of Alton, four great grandchildren Nicole, Jonathan, Ethan, and Emily and two great great-grandchildren Taylor and Elisabeth. Dorothy was preceded in death by her first husband John Doyle Helm and her second husband Dr. deLafayette Reid as well as her brothers and sisters. No memorial service is planned. Donations may be made to the Oasis Woman's Center of Alton, www.manta.com/c/mm51bbm/oasis-womens-center Gent Funeral Home in Alton

is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Kathleen Reid

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ I was very sad to recently hear of Dorothy's passing. Growing up she was like a 2nd mom. I'll always remember her as a grand lady that made a lasting impression on my life. Love ya Ma, Rick Davis

Rick Davis - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Dorothy's passing. Mrs. Reid was a warm, loving woman with a wonderful sense of humor. I can still hear her laughter. She carried herself with great dignity that may have been exceeded only by her respect for others. She graciously allowed me to share dinners and be a part of her home on numerous occasions providing me opportunities to learn how nutritious meals were presented and how family conversations should be conducted. She taught me many valuable life lessons for which I am thankful. May Bob, John and all family members find comfort in celebrating a life well lived.
Jim Davidson

Jim Davidson - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Although it has been over twenty years since I last saw her, I will never forget Aunt Dorothy growing up and running around Norman's Landing.

Christopher Norman - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Dorothy was a wonderful woman and she will be missed by our family and all those who knew her.

Sis Norman and Family (Ted Norman) - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dorothy was always a joy to us at Norman Brother's office, and I will miss her. My grandfather is William C. Norman. I never heard the facts of her first husband's death on the river, How sad. My thoughts are with you.

Barbara Jean Norman Miller - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My mother wrote back and forth with Mrs. Reid for many, many years, as Mrs. Reid was her step-mother. She always enjoyed hearing from Mrs. Reid and looked forward to greeting cards at birthdays and Christmas/New Years. John, if you read this, Belva would like to know how to contact you so she can give her sympathy and remembrance personally. Thank you,
Michelle Fenwick

Michelle (Martin) Fenwick - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Traci and family I am so sorry for your loss. I met Gramma very briefly and i remember her very fondly. My Love and prayers God Bless and Keep you.
Linda

Linda Gilbert - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ JOHN,
Your dad was my grandfather's brother. Ed Helm. I had talked to Dorothy over the years and lost track of her when she moved to Florida. She did call me when our Aunt Ethel died and when my mom died.
Would love to meet you. I have pictures of your dads brothers.
Please call if you come to Illinois. 618-466 7664--Neeta McClintock

neeta mcclintock - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ We love you grandma, you will be greatly missed.
Every time I have my coffee and grapefruit I will always think of you, brings back so many special memories.
Love from us all Nicole, Brett, Taylor, and Izzie.

Nicole Wildt - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Sorry to hear about your mother's death. You have our sympathy.

Tom & Anna Lee Andrews - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I love you Great Gram! I will miss you!

Jonathon D Johnson - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Grandmother, whom I adored ever so much
No longer here on earth, but in the heavens above
Oh how I'll miss your smile and your laughter so big and full of life.
Now you're in the sky you're an angel so high
You are now with our maker; tell me what is he like?
Are your days filled with song and praise,
do you sway to the music that angel harps play?
Grandmother, whom I adored ever so much
How you will be missed, but never forgotten
I shall remember your scent, your voice and your every feature.
After all you were one of my teachers
You've taught me so much and so many life lessons
Grandmother, whom I adored ever so much
Rest now; ever so peaceful in the heavens above
I Love you Gram!

Traci Helm-Woods - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM