



Dorothea Elizabeth Barton

December 10, 2023

Dorothea Elizabeth Barton, 83, of Lancaster went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Robert Burns and Florence Mae Rittenhouse Barton.

A 1957 graduate of Penn Manor High School and Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia with a degree in nursing. She began at Village Vista before working as an RN at Lancaster General Hospital for 21 years before becoming the Director of Nursing at The Lakes at Willow Valley for 17 years and coming out of retirement to teach at HACC for the CNA program for 13 years.

Dottie was a woman who gave everything that she earned away. She instilled the highest of values in her family and community. She traveled extensively with family and friends and enjoyed watching Devin, her grandson, play baseball. She was a member of Grace Community Church in Willow Street. Dottie loved her dog and travel companion, Buddy.

She is survived by her children: John Patrick Kelley (Pamela), New Danville, PA, Michael Sean Kelley (Adrienna), Chokoloskee, FL, Susan Elizabeth Connor (Jason), New Danville, stepson, Daniel Race (Kim), Wrightsville, four grandchildren: Devin Michael Connor, Dalton Daffin, Tatum Daffin, and Zachary Race, two great-grandchildren, Fisher Johnson, Summer Kelley,

nieces and nephews, Dawn Shahan (Blaine), Robin Bollinger (Carroll), Christine Andrews (Randy), Bobbie Sue Heistand (James), Janie Barton, Robert Burns Barton IV, Dwain Daniels Jr., and Clay Daniels. She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Barton, III and sister, Susan Daniels and her nephew, Shane Daniels. The family thanks Aunt Linda and everyone who lovingly dedicated their time to care for Dottie.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Dottie's Memorial Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Mike Sigman and Andrew Potts officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dottie's name may be sent to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DV

“ I am just learning of Dot's passing today, and am so sorry to have missed an opportunity to honor her life. She hired me in 1988 to work 3-11 weekends, when I was a young mom of 4 children, and returning back to the workforce after several years at home with little ones. She was wonderful, encouraged me, and had confidence that I could do the job...she focused on the important things and the Residents. I worked with her about 7 years before moving to office work. But we got reconnected again when she was teaching CNA's and was at the Glen. What a great nurse and encourager. She did touch many lives, as has been said. My condolences to the family. What a great role model for so many!
Dale Ann Vitto RN (retired)

Dale Ann Vitto - February 01, 2024 at 07:26 PM

FD

“ My condolence to Dottie's family. May you find comfort knowing that Dottie touched so many lives through her nursing career and involvement in the community. May your cherished memories help your healing as time goes by.

Fred Didyoung

Fred Didyoung - December 19, 2023 at 08:05 AM

BD

“*Dot was truly the best DON that I ever had the pleasure to work for. I will never forget the time she called late December 2000 to tell me that I had been chosen to be the new 3-11 charge nurse at Willow Valley and we talked for a while she was such a sweet person to talk too. I worked with her until she retired what a disappointment that was. Every one was sad. I will never forget the night that I was working when I was hit by the worse migraine of my life one of the nurses saw me crying and I told her I could not see. She was a veteran at Lakeside and she called Dot who was on call and she came in to take over for me. Never in my life was I ever relieved to see her she stayed calm and called my husband and told him I was unable to drive. The only other thing I remembered was Dot being there. She was truly an angel she taught me a lot and I will never forget the wonderful lady that she was. Sincerly Barbara S Dohan RN [ret{*

Barbara S Dohan - December 15, 2023 at 05:37 PM

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“*Angie, Michelle, Lee, Missi & Catherine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothea Elizabeth Barton.*

Angie, Michelle, Lee, Missi & Catherine - December 15, 2023 at 07:06 AM



“*Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothea Elizabeth Barton.*



December 15, 2023 at 07:06 AM

YD

“ So sorry to hear of Dottie's passing. We have been friends for many years. I used to be in the group that followed Paul until I moved to Florida! Many good memories. Condolences to JP and Pam, Michael and Susan and anyone who might remember me!

Yvonne Donley - December 14, 2023 at 09:36 AM

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“ have known Dottie since her days at Village Vista and Lakeside. loved every moment we spent together. She will be missed for many. she loved her family dearly. God bless Leenie Miller

eileen miller - December 13, 2023 at 01:40 PM



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December 13, 2023 at 11:58 AM