



Doris H. Mathis

August 6, 1929 - March 27, 2020

Doris H. Mathis, born August 6, 1929, went to be with our Lord and Savior on March 27, 2020, at age 90.

Doris was a: beloved Wife, of 68 years, to Troy O. Mathis; devoted Mother to three children - William Mathis (Meg), Michael Mathis (Kathy), and Melanie (Mike) Coyne; loving "Mommer" to Tori (Dan) Sacco, "Grandmother" to Meredith (Liam) LaRue, Maureen (Ryan) Stewart, and Sean Mathis (Ivor), and "Grandma" to Megan Coyne (Trey); doting Great Grandmother to Josephine, Gwendolyn, Everett, Maren, Griffin and Cameron; dear Aunt to Cindy (Ted) Earnhardt, and Wayne Huddleston; Great Aunt to Katie and Carrie Earnhardt. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Glenn Huddleston, and her brother, William Glenn (Peggy) Huddleston.

Doris was born and raised in North Carolina, and when she and her husband moved to St. Louis after they married, she brought southern values with her — faith, hospitality, and family.

She was blessed with many friends, especially those from First Christian Church of Florissant. She always looked forward to the next church Seniors event, where she would bring a crockpot full of her signature green beans. Her famous poundcake could not be replicated (likely because she never really shared her real recipe), was secretly hoarded by family, and never

lasted long. Her effortless ability to befriend anyone and get them hooked on Avon's calendar chapsticks benefitted her 50-year career as an Albee-award winning Avon Representative. Her hard work earned her a spot in the President's Club year after year. Above all else, as Matriarch, family meant everything to her. It always came first, she always had "a little something for you at the house," and she loved sharing stories and photos of her grandchildren and great grandchildren with anyone who would indulge her.

Her absence will be felt more than more than words can express.

Given the restrictions with Coronavirus, a well-deserved celebration of life is pending with Archway Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor made to small businesses struggling through this time would be appreciated.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Shortly after announcing the new cases of COVID-19, St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson, St. Louis County Executive Sam Page, and Governor Parson further restricted public gatherings of more than 10 people.

Archway Memorial Chapel is keeping apprised of the current situation and is following all requirements and guidelines of health and government officials.

Services will be private for the limited immediate family with the option of live streaming due to the current COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

This decision has come after much consideration and consultation with multiple agencies. This isn't something that we want to do, but feel is absolutely necessary to follow these guidelines which are changing daily.

We are proactively instituting the following policy:

- For the family, as always, call us. As funeral professionals, we remain prepared to serve. It is important to know, we are still able to care for your loved one as usual, including the preparation of your loved one for viewing. As far as making arrangements, we will meet with you in any way that you are comfortable, whether it is limited-in-person, via email, video conferencing or telephone. We are still here to help you. Please know that you can still memorialize your loved one. We will work with you to find an option that meets the needs of your family, although it may look different than “normal.”

- Effective March 21, 2020 we will not be able to offer any public visitations or services until the restriction guidelines from the Center for Disease Control are updated. We will only have private services for limited immediate family only. We will be able to live stream the service to our website and through our Facebook page at the agreement of the family.

- We will not be accepting floral deliveries at the funeral home. However, they may be sent directly to the family upon their approval.

Please understand that this decision is not an easy decision to make as we understand that the grieving process is very personal and very hard. We encourage the community members to reach out to the family via phone calls, emails, social media, etc. and support them in that manner.

If you are part of the limited immediate family that will be attending a service, please adhere to the following suggestions to protect all involved:

- Please practice social distancing of staying 6 feet or more away from another individual at all times.

- If you are sick or not feeling well, have a persistent cough or sneeze, a fever,

other health issues, or recent travel out of the state, please do not attend. While this is good advice always, it is especially important during this time of heightened concern.

- Those over 70 years of age are at a greater risk. You can send your condolences in the mail or through our website (if you have that capability) and we will forward it to them. The family will understand.

- If, while at a funeral, you feel a cough or sneeze coming on, be sure to cover your nose and mouth, if possible, move away from other people and be sure to wash and sanitize your hands right away.

- Avoid, hugging, kissing, and shaking hands. While we know this is difficult to do at a service, everyone will understand.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We will remain diligent in doing our part to stop the spread of this virus.