



## Dorthy "Dot" Loy

December 17, 1929 - July 4, 2019

Dorthy Lee Ragsdale Loy, known as "Dot" by family and friends, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, July 4 at Atrium Health in Lincolnton, after being in declining health for a year.

Born December 17, 1929 to Tero Wesley Ragsdale and Gurtha Louvenia Faulkner in Alamance County, she resided there for a short time before the family moved to Albemarle. Dot's love of the piano began at a very early age and her talent was immediately recognized, particularly by young pastor and future husband, Rev. J.W. Loy, Jr. whom she married February 9, 1946.

She held a Bachelors Degree in Music Theory, teaching piano in public schools to include Aquadale, Patterson, Locust Elementary, and from home. In addition, she taught piano at Loy's Music Nook in Albemarle and was pianist at South Albemarle Baptist Church. Dot served as organist, pianist and church secretary at Locust Baptist Church during Rev. Loy's ten-year pastorate, along with being an active member of the W.M.U. and women's trio. Dot was an integral part of the inner workings of the church in the role of pastor's wife, teaching, cooking, hosting missionaries and guest speakers in their home, along with the planning and implementation of many church activities.

After moving to Salisbury in 1965, she became a member of Milford Hills

Baptist Church, plus served as organist and assisted with the choir at Yadkin Methodist Church in Spencer during the pastorate of Rev. Benny Hillard. In addition, she was a substitute teacher at North Hills Christian School, and alongside her husband, helped teach in a successful program designed for advanced CP students hosted by the Salisbury Recreation Department.

She continued teaching piano from home for an impressive fifty years in total. Through the years, many of her students developed their own passion for music, going on to earn degrees and become instructors, with some being credited for writing original scores.

Dot will be remembered not only for her love of the piano but that of baking, cake decorating and crocheting. Through the years, she shared many of those talents with family, friends and co-workers.

After her daughter married, she was fondly called “Grandmommy” by her two grandchildren, who she helped care for and provided hours of entertainment, many times centered around the piano, or singing in the car. Her passing leaves many memories, many lives touched and huge space in a very small family.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 73 years, J.W., daughter, Shari Keller (Rex) of Salisbury, son, JW “Chris” Loy III of Lincolnton, granddaughter, Christy Hart, Salisbury, grandson, Wesley Hart (Teri) of New Bern, great-grandchildren, Tesia Hart, Cameron Hart, Kylie Hart, great-great grandson Zoda Lawrence, step-grandchildren Heather Boyette, Grant Boyette, Heath Keller, Cody Keller, brother Curtis Ragsdale (Joan) of Albemarle and nephews Curtis, Jr. and Chris Ragsdale.

The family will receive friends 10-11 AM Wednesday (July 10) at Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will follow at 11 AM at Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Joe Thomas, minister of Franklin Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Dot's name to the Music Ministry Department at Franklin Baptist Church 3810 Hwy 601 Salisbury, NC 28147

The family would like to thank especially Pastor Joe and Norma Thomas, Dicy McCullough, Kirby Hills and our church family at Franklin Baptist Church, for their outpouring of help and emotional support.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Loy family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 636-8751

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

 Elaine  
Nelson

“ *Shari I am so happy that we were a part of your mother's piano teaching world. Without the talented Mrs Loy our family would never have become family to yours! Remembering that path between your house and hers where my children were introduced to all those goodies made by you and Rex. We love you and are thinking of you.*

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**Elaine Nelson** - July 10, 2019 at 11:57 AM

SW

“ *What a wonderful tribute to your mother, Shari. She sounds like such an awesome person, and I'm sure many of your wonderful attributes and personality came from her. I extend my deepest condolences to you and your family. Love, Stephanie*

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**swdean** - July 10, 2019 at 10:46 AM

BE

“ *From Barbara Eldridge. Dot has been a very special friend of mine since the days she substituted for me when I taught at North Hills Christian School. She also taught my daughters Kendra and Lora to play the piano. I will cherish the crocheted scarves she sent me along with many cards for special occasions , and I look forward to seeing her again around the throne of our Lord Jesus Christ where there won't be any more goodbyes.*

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**Barbara Eldridge** - July 10, 2019 at 08:44 AM

ES

“ TO The Loy Family,  
words can not express the Love I have for this Precious Lady.  
Her smiling face and Hearty laugh would melt my heart each time I  
entered her room.  
My first introduction as her Restorative therapist lasted forty-five  
minutes .....FORTY minutes over the norm. Her unique spirit  
captivated me., I knew then ....she was my kind of girl. Shortly  
afterwards, "DOT" became my Mentor, my Confidant, and MY BEST  
FRIEND. We sang together, cried together, laughed together {every  
day}.Dot was my "Pride and JOY".  
Her earthly transition has left a Tremendous void in my life.But, I  
have Comfort in knowing Spiritually, she`s still with me. Her  
prescence IS and Will Always remain in my heart.  
I`m gonna miss you " Girlie"

Love you,  
Earline

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Earline Smith - July 10, 2019 at 12:04 AM

ES

“ Earline Smith lit a candle in memory of Dorthy  
"Dot" Loy



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Earline Smith - July 09, 2019 at 11:23 PM

CB

“ Chris,

*I would like to express my condolences over the death of your wonderful Christian mother. She was a beautiful person inside and outside - I truly loved and admired your mother. I know she is in Heaven looking down and very proud of you and your family. With much love, your 3rd grade teacher from North Hills Christian School.*



*Love, Carolyn Cauble Brown*

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**Carolyn Brown** - July 08, 2019 at 10:21 PM