



Dorothea Janet Towner

November 28, 1942 - February 10, 2024

Dorothea (Dot/Dorothy) Janet Sanchagrin Towner entered into Eternal Rest Saturday, February 10, 2024. Dorothy was born November 28, 1942 in NY, New York. As a young child, she and her family moved to Sara, Washington. She loved to tell stories of growing up in that small town with her 10 siblings; picking berries, sledding down the hill near the general store, playing in the creek, and searching for "falling stars" in the fields at night.

Dorothy and her family moved to Santa Clara, California in the mid-late 1950's. As a teen she enjoyed playing basketball, baton twirling, and listening to music. She loved old R&B, Rock & Roll, and Classic Country. Music filled our home, her favorite songs became the soundtrack of our childhood.

Dorothy met William "Bill" Towner in 1959. They were married 63 years. For most of those years Dorothy was a Stay-At-Home Mom raising five kids. She also babysat her grandkids, neighbor, friends, and relative's kids through the years. She was never kidless! She was a great cook, budget conscious shopper, baby rocker, and welcoming hostess to all. She loved to laugh, tell jokes and gab over coffee at her kitchen table. Her home was "The Hangout". She was dearly loved by all who knew her.

Over the years Dorothy enjoyed sewing, ceramics, Bingo, family picnics, hosting gatherings for every occasion, day trips to the lake and river, shopping, casino trips, breakfast (her favorite), lunch and dinner dates with her kids and grandkids, and she enjoyed board and card games. Our Scrabble dates were some of the funnest and funniest memories in recent

times. Dorothy worked briefly in the mid 1980's for Hand Creations in California. Her very first job. She revelled in her new independence beyond her role as Wife and Mother and she enjoyed spending time with her coworkers, some of whom she stayed in touch with through the years. In the early 1990's Dorothy and Bill, following their daughters, moved to Vancouver, Washington. Dorothy was back in the state where she had spent her childhood.

Dorothy dedicated her whole life to her family. Her husband, her five children, thirteen Grandchildren, and twelve Great-Grandchildren meant the world to her. She loved, cared, and worried about every single one! She never retired from being a Mom or Grandma, she loved until her heart wore out.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents Fred and Lillian Sanchagrin, her mother and father In-law William and Fidela Towner. Her beloved son Rick Towner. Her brothers Charley Sanchagrin, Fred Sanchagrin, Russell Sanchagrin, Tom Sanchagrin, Robert Sanchagrin, and sisters Alice and her husband Bob McGowan, and Joyce Jones. In-laws Frances and Frank Pereira, Ray Sablan, Ann Towner, Ray Caprario, and her Grandbaby Trevor Little.

Dorothy is survived by her devoted husband William "Bill" Towner, her loving family, sisters Theresa Caprario and Joan Byers, her brother Richard and his wife Sonja Sanchagrin, Sister In-laws Lucy Sanchagrin, Angie Sanchagrin, and Tillie Sablan, In-laws Gene and Sally Towner, and John and Lisa Towner. Surviving Beloved Children; Tina and her husband Jay Swennes, Ray Towner, Joe Towner, and Debbie Little. Dorothy is also survived by former (but forever in her heart) Daughter In-laws Janene Towner-Chernoff and Elva Towner, and Son In-law Lance Little.

Surviving Treasured Grandchildren; Richard and Anna Towner, Jessica and Donnie Gupton, Joseph and Morgan Towner, Jeremy and Brandy Towner, Tanya and Chris Hopkins, Raechel Towner, John Towner, Krystal Swennes, Breanna Minneker, Derek Minneker, Robert and Ellise Minneker, and Travis Little.

Dorothy is also survived by her twelve Precious Great-Grandchildren, and dearest nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

Dorothy dedicated her life to all whom she loved. She will forever live in our hearts. May she Rest In Heavenly Peace.

Memorial Arrangements Pending

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ You are the best grandma we could've asked for, thank you for raising us all with unconditional love, care and compassion. Love you always.

Robert Minneker - September 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM



“ Love you grandma so much



Travis Little - September 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ When I think of Grandma Dot, I think of LOVE: pure, unconditional, selfless love. I think of patience because between Pa and those three boys, she truly was an angel on earth.

I don't have a ton of childhood memories but the ones I do, include her. I remember her letting me drink coffee because I wouldn't stop asking for it. I remember the wooden spoon threat and nicknaming me Miss Mess when more peanut butter and jelly made it on my face at her house. I remember summer time in Washington and how she greeted us and said goodbye with tears every time.

She didn't forget a birthday and somehow was able to hold so much space and love for everyone no matter how many kids, grandkids and great grandkids she had. She was LOVE and will be remembered forever.

Jessica Gupton - July 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ You are so lovely you're smile. You were always kind and funny , you made me laughing so many times. You are truly missed. And we will love your beautiful family forever.

Ellen campos

Ellen Campos - July 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Rest in peace Mrs. Towner 🙏 I will remember all of our talks sitting at your kitchen table and will miss you dearly. ❤️ LOVE David Taormino



David Taormino - July 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Mom, you will always be in my heart !
Lots of fond memories 😊 Ricky Skaggs, grocery shopping, hanging
out, going for daily walks with Joseph and I trying to get Jeremy
moving on out 😊😊. We had fun times going out with Tina and
Debbie..." Tennis Shoe Man "
You always called me a nut 😎
We share the love of purple 💜
Good times were had, great memories for sure.
Love you, RIP 🌸

Vita Towner - June 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dorothea Janet Towner

Tina Swennes - June 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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JT

“ You will always be in our hearts, we love you - Jeremy, Brandy,
Joseph, Morgan, Ella, Everly, Tanya, Chris, Wesley and Vita



Jeremy Towner - June 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I Miss you*

Jeremy Towner - June 07, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Dorothea Janet Towner*

Tina Swennes - May 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Aunt Dot is wildly known for her sense of humor, her lovely laughter, and her love of her family. When her family lived in our neighborhood, I loved going over to Aunt Dot's house. Whenever the Sanchagrín family got together they would sit around the table and talk or play cards. Aunt Dot always brought laughter and joy with her, and I always thought she had a special kind of innocence about her when she would enquire about a family member or talk about her parents or family and her eyebrows would knit together with concern. She also had a soft heart. I love Aunt Dot, and I am so sorry for your loss Uncle Bill, Tina, Ray, Joe, and Debbie and all of your family. I am praying for all of you. May Aunt Dorothea rest in the Peace of Christ, Jesus.*

Margaret Sanchagrín - February 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I was so blessed to know and love this special lady. My second mom, she was patient and kind and taught me all the things I didn't know. And it was a lot. I am a proud coupon clipper because of her and if I've ever made a good meal, it was because of her. She was selfless to a fault and by example showed us all what it means to love unconditionally. I went back to work when Rich and Jess were three months old and she loved them like nobody else could. If I'm considered a success professionally it's because of her. Without her I wouldn't have been able. I asked too much of her then and I know that now. She did so much for others here on earth without thinking of herself. I hope she is relaxing now and that there is a casino in heaven. I hope she's with Rick, and they at laughing at each others jokes. Thank you mom.....for everything. I love you.

Janene Towner Chernoff - February 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Rest in peace my dear aunt Dorothy. Being the oldest of all your nieces and nephews I cherish all the memories I have of you. so grateful that I had the opportunity to talk with you just before you went to God. Forever in my heart. Kay (McGowan) PenaOhara

Kay McGowan PenaOhara - February 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Thinking of you all. Sending warm hugs and lots of love.



Angie, Margaret, Jeanette, Karen, Joey, Angelina,Rogelio - February 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Robert Sanchagrin, Lucy Sanchagrin, and kids - February 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ oh how i'm going to miss my sister's baking. she used to call me up and say what you doing. if you have time you can come visit and i will bake you a cake lol of course i said yes i will come visit but you don't have to bake a cake or anything. so i would go visit her and guess what she did bake me a cake or often some kind of desert. this is the kind of person she was and loved it. holding the memories close to my heart. miss you so much. rip

joan byers - February 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Auntie Dorothy, This tree is planted in your honor. You are loved and forever in our hearts. Sending love and warm hugs to everyone who knew you.

Karen Sanchagrin - February 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I have general childhood memories of Auntie Dorothy making her yummy rice dish (I forget the name) at her house in California, cracking jokes, and laughing non-stop. Always positive and having a good time. She will be missed and loved.

Karen Sanchagrin - February 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ A life time of memories in the 81 years we spent together. Being 18 months apart I have limited memories of our toddler days. The one thing I do remember is when daddy was transferred to the state of Washington thru Alcoa mama and us kids followed by train. I was 3 and you were 2. You fell off the top bunk. There was a lot of crying and commotion and that's probably why I remember it. As we grew up there was a lot of activity between all 11 of us. When we grew up we never missed a weekend day together. Busy with raising our families we always found time to be together.. Love you. God Bless You.. Rest in Peace.

theresa caprario - February 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Dorothea Janet Towner - February 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM