



Dorothy Figgs Matthews

September 1, 1938 - May 11, 2011

SALISBURY- Dorothy “Miss Dottie” Figgs Matthews, 72, of Salisbury, died Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury after a long, brave battle with leukemia.

She was born September 1, 1938 in Philadelphia, a daughter of Annie G. Figgs of Melson’s, Maryland and the late Lacey Kenney Figgs.

“Miss Dottie,” as she was affectionately known to many, worked as a secretary for the Wicomico Board of Education for three years following high school graduation. She then took a secretarial position at Campbell’s Soup in Quality Control. After a few years she was promoted to the position of secretary to the plant manager. She left Campbell’s Soup to raise her family and for many years cherished her position as a self-called “domestic engineer.”

A highlight of her life was the memories made during the family’s camping trips, which usually coincided with Steam and Gas Shows and flea markets. She was especially fond of their trips to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was a real people person and enjoyed traveling with the AARP Somerset County Travel Group, where she had developed many friendships through the years.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Alfred Thomas

Matthews, III; two sons, Russell Matthews of Salisbury and Anthony Matthews of Delmar; a brother, Lacey K. Figgs and his wife, Joyce of Delmar; a niece, Kim Figgs of Delmar; a nephew, Donnie Figgs of Laurel; and a cousin, Roslyn Lanham of Salisbury.

A committal service will be held in the chapel of the Eastern Shore Memorial Veterans Cemetery, 6827 East New Market Ellwood Road, Hurlock, Maryland, 21643 on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Maryland Chapter, 11350 McCormick Rd, Executive Plaza III, Suite 100, Hunt Valley, MD 21031 or to the Cancer Support Community of Delmarva, 1506 S. Salisbury Blvd, Salisbury, MD 21801.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com

Previous Events

Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM.

Graveside Service

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Figgs Matthews

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ Alfred and Family,

I am Leslie and Dorothy Evans's daughter from Melsons. We grew up going to the same church and Dot rode Daddy's bus #42. Dot babysat my sister, Rhonda, and me; when Mother and Daddy would go Christmas shopping. She used Daddy as a reference to get her job at the Board of Education. We were always close to Lacey and Nan; and Lacey K. drove Daddy's Ford demonstrator to Wi-Hi for him. we went to your wedding. She fought a very long battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.##imported-begin##John and Brenda Evans Corcoran##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 10:09 AM



“ Al..I remember when Dot & I rode bus "42" during our school days; but more recently I remember when you were retiring from the City of Salis. & Dot brought me photos, etc for me to produce a retirement video of your life with the City. She was so excited to be able to do this for you...and I was so glad I was able to deliver this for Dot. The Class of '56 will truly miss Dot as well as JoAnn and I, and we will keep you in our prayers!##imported-begin##BILL BOLEN (CLASS OF '56) & "Memories on Video"##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 09:38 PM



“ Dear Mr. Al,

I am so saddened by your loss. Ms. Dottie was a great, strong woman. I was happy to be able to speak with her and share memories with her a few weeks ago during a visit. God Bless you and your family.

Love, Meg##imported-begin##Meg Harlin##imported-end##

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“ Al and sons, I am going to miss this great lady so much. I will miss her humor, her long long long hand written letters, her little gifts, and her sly winks when no one was looking. Thank you Miss Dot for sharing your life with me under "the tree". RIP##imported-begin##Miss Judi##imported-end##

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