



Dortha Kinnikin Shupe

January 23, 1946 - April 12, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dortha Kinnikin Shupe, age 79, who passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at her home in Delmar surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 23, 1946, in Sharptown on her family's farm, Dortha was a beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend.

Dortha dedicated over 40 years of her life to her work, serving as an analytical lab coordinator in the poultry industry at Perdue Farms, where she was respected and cherished by her colleagues.

Dortha's greatest joy came from her family. She was a devoted mother to her three children: Connie Rae Hurley, Ronald D. Shupe and his wife Judith, and Eric P. Shupe and his wife Jennifer. She treasured her role as a grandmother to Jamie Lewis (Lisa), Austin Hurley (Jessie), Kylene Shupe, Jason Jones (Jessica), Garrett Shupe, and Gavin Shupe. Additionally, she was a proud great-grandmother to Noah, Andrew, Skylar, Raelyn, Koleson, Karson, Brody, Mason and Finley, all of whom brought immense joy to her life. Her family meant everything to her, and she often expressed that the more, the merrier when it came to gathering loved ones around her table. Known for her exquisite cooking and baking, Dortha delighted many with her famous dumplings and carrot cake, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Dortha had the kindest heart of anyone, and her loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Dortha's love for her family was unwavering, and they always came first in her life. Her legacy of love and warmth will continue to inspire those she leaves behind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Paul Kinnikin and Agnes Mary (Massey) Kinnikin; sister, Lida Horne (Leonard); and brother, Floyd Massey (Barbara).

A funeral service to honor Dortha's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Short Funeral Home in Delmar. A visitation for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service. Following the service, Dortha will be laid to rest at Melsons Cemetery in Delmar, Maryland. A time of gathering for a luncheon and fellowship will follow at Melsons Church Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for donations to be given to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Melson's Cemetery

Melson's Road
Delmar, MD 21875

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
info@shortfh.com

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dortha Kinnikin Shupe*



Short Funeral Home - April 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dortha Kinnikin Shupe*



Short Funeral Home - April 22, 2025 at 08:13 AM

DS

“ *Dortha was such a kind, sweet, loving mother and grandmother - a true servant of Christ. She is now in His presence for all eternity. She will be surely missed.*

Dave Gene Shupe

David Gene Shupe - April 22, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dortha Kinnikin Shupe.*



April 18, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *My condolences to Connie, Ronnie, Eric, and all of Dortha's family. Dortha was a remarkable woman who loved her family deeply. I had the privilege of working with her for many years at Perdue, where she was not just a colleague but a sweet lady who became like a mom to many of us in the Analytical Lab. Her kindness, warmth, and nurturing spirit made a lasting impact on everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.*

Dortha's dedication and love for her work and her family were evident in everything she did. She had a unique ability to make everyone feel valued and cared for, and her presence brought comfort and joy to those around her. Her legacy of compassion and support will be remembered and cherished for many years to come.

Dortha will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. May her family find peace and solace in the wonderful memories they shared with her.



Jeff Brittingham Brittingham - April 17, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JS

My Aunt Dorthia as I called her was one of a kind , she was soft spoken always had a smile on her face and a big hug for me when she saw me. There's going to be a big hole in my heart where only she held that spot . She's going to be missed by all who knew and loved her I know I will .

JoAnn Stephens - April 17, 2025 at 07:19 PM

DA

“ *Connie, Ron and Eric, I'm very sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She certainly holds a special place in the memories of my childhood. She had a heart of loving and kindness.*

Daren - April 16, 2025 at 04:51 PM

BT

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Dortha was a one of a kind lady. She was gentle, kind and caring, with a great sense of humor and the best smile. She was the greatest friend to my sister, Joyce Ann Hearn, who worked with her at Perdue. I was blessed to know her.*

Betsy Tucker - April 16, 2025 at 11:21 AM

MW

“ *I was honored and blessed to have known and loved a beautifully sweet lady. I share in the family's sadness and wish them comfort in wonderful memories.*

  . Michele d webb

m webb - April 16, 2025 at 10:27 AM

KU

“ Deepest condolences to the Shupe family. Dortha was a loving kind person, one of the kindest people I've met in my life, so welcoming into her home. I wish I had known her longer, she loved her family. RIP "Mom Mom" the world lost a good soul, but God gained a loving warrior, you will be missed.

Kimmett W Uttenreither - April 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM

HE

“ Dortha was always such a kind, sweet lady. I used to love going back and visiting with her when she was at the analytical lab at Perdue. She was always a place of rest to get away from all hectic activities in the building. She always had a smile and a kind word. She will be missed by many. Hank Engster

Hank Engster - April 15, 2025 at 07:29 PM

FF

“ From Floyd & Barbara's family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Dortha Kinnikin Shupe.



From Floyd & Barbara's family - April 15, 2025 at 03:22 PM

RA

“ Sending deepest condolences and sympathies to the Family



Ryan Adams - April 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM

NG

“ So sorry to hear of Dortha’s passing. She was a kind, gentle lady; always smiling.

Nancy Genga - April 15, 2025 at 09:51 AM