



## Dorothy Alice Olsen

February 26, 1937 - May 10, 2017

Dorothy Alice (Cook) Olsen, known fondly by most as “Dottie,” passed away at the age of 80 on Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, at Sharp Grossmont Hospital in San Diego, California.

From her birth in Rumford, ME, on February 26, 1937 to her passing, she blessed those around her with generosity, laughter and endless conversations. She was born to Jimmy and Eleanor (Landry) Cook, the older of two children. She spent most of her childhood with her grandmother, Alice Landry (“Memay”), whom she spoke of lovingly and taught her to speak Canadian French fluently.

Dottie graduated from Stephens High School and went on to own “Dottie’s Pizza,” located on Roxbury Road, then worked for the Social Security Administration from which she retired after 30 years and eventually became a pharmacy technician, just to be able to continue to be around people. She raised four wonderful children and met a gentleman by the name of Bob Olsen, who stole her heart and married her in West Palm Beach, FL in 1987. Dottie and Bob eventually left Maine and moved to West Palm Beach, FL to continue working and enjoying time with family and friends. From Florida, they decided it was time to move once again and eventually settled in Maryville, TN. Mom had a real zest for life and found excitement, joy and fun in all that she did and accomplished. Often referred to as the “Energizer Bunny” due to

her bountiful energy level, Dottie loved going to casinos, watching NASCAR and the Red Sox, traveling and road trips, cooking, baking, making candy, reading, gardening, tanning at the pool, spending time with friends and family and was known lovingly to some of her family as the “Hummingbird Whisperer” as she just seemed to possess a magical touch when it came to hummingbirds. She will always be remembered for her enthusiasm, generosity and genuine love for her family and friends.

Left to honor Dottie and remember her love and excitement for life are three children, Cindy Barner (Roy), Michael DeConzo and Dan DeConzo; three additional children, Ricky Olsen, Robby Olsen and Darcie Pollis; six beloved grandchildren with whom she had special bonds, Leslie Knaff (Jimmy), Michael DeConzo II (Stephanie), Aaron Sinclair, Leonardo DeConzo, Ariel DeConzo and Isabella DeConzo; two great-grandchildren, Austin Spranger and Paytyn Knaff; her brother, Jimmy Cook; and her beloved cat, Angel.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on July 8, 2017, in Rumford, ME.

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.”

# Tribute Wall

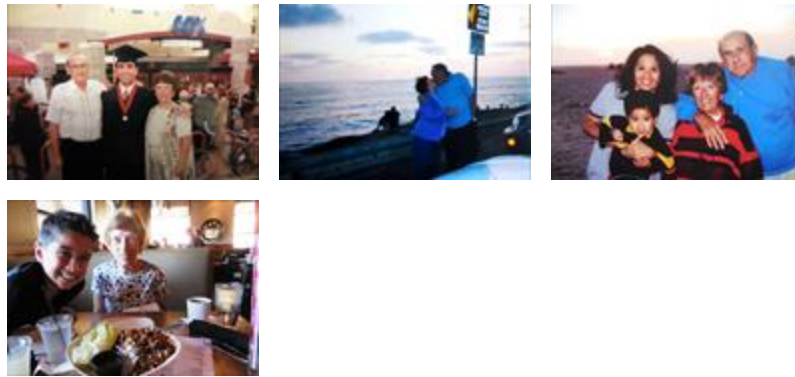


“ *Dorothy Alice Olsen*

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Kimberly Teston - May 22, 2017 at 11:17 PM



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Kimberly Teston - May 22, 2017 at 11:12 PM

LH

“ You were always Leslie's biggest cheerleader and you could see the love you had for her and her family. The 1st time I met you was at a ballpark of course 12 years ago. I parked beside you and your husband at Alcoa Little League. You had your window down and we started talking. You were so proud of your great grandson, Austin, being coached by Larry your son in law. My Grandson, Jalen, was on the same team. We became fast friends from that day on. All thru the years of running into one another at one atheletic event to another.....football...  
.basketball..soccer..baseball..birthday parties. You always gave me a big hug and was so happy to see us. Your bright cheerful smile always made my day. You were such a tiny lady but had a huge loving heart. I will miss seeing you in the crowd of our close Alcoa family. When I think of you....it will be with loving thoughts and memories. Always your friends, Linda and Bill Hamilton

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**Linda Hamilton** - May 21, 2017 at 01:55 AM

 Leslie  
Knaff

“ Gram,

*Words can not express the love I have for you and how grateful I am to call you my grandma. We had a very special bond that many are never blessed to know and understand. Thank you for 37 years of constant love and support of every aspect of my life. You were my biggest fan and now you are my guardian angel. I will forever cherish the memories we shared and I will pass them on to your beloved great-grandchildren. You were one of a kind and you will be greatly missed every day I breathe. This is not goodbye but merely until we meet again!*

*Love always,  
Leslie.*

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**Leslie Knaff** - May 20, 2017 at 05:36 PM

DH

*Les I am so sorry to hear of your gram's passing. She was loving and kind and had a wonderful sense of humor and was fun to be around! I loved her stories and will never forget her! God Bless you and your family! Love, Dona*

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**Dona Harris** - May 21, 2017 at 02:18 AM

DD

“*Mom,  
You were loved and cherished by so many. We are all looking forward to celebrating your life in Mexico and Rumford the weekend of 7 July 2017 with family, friends and all those that want to share in your memory.*

*Your Son,  
Dan*

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**Dan Deconzo** - May 20, 2017 at 01:29 PM

  
Leslie  
Knaff

*Gram,*

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**Leslie Knaff** - May 20, 2017 at 05:33 PM