



Dolores Mae Cornelius Bess

January 23, 1933 - October 24, 2024

Dolores Mae Cornelius Bess passed away peacefully in her Saint Albans WV home surrounded by loved ones on October 24, 2024. Dodo was 91.

Dodo was born January 23, 1933 and raised in Hopkinsville, Kentucky to Thelma and Clyde Cornelius.

She graduated from Hopkinsville high school. Afterward she attended Vanderbilt University school of Nursing where she graduated Sigma Theta with honors. She furthered her education at Tulane University and LSU, earning Master's degrees in public health and Nursing and tropical medicine, respectively. She achieved high honors with each of these post graduate degrees.

Dodo's career was spent in nursing education at Vanderbilt University Hospital psychiatric nursing and 25 years as an associate professor of nursing at University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Higher education was very important to Dodo and to her husband William assisting many people over the years to earn undergraduate college degrees.

Dodo was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, William Ernest Bess. They spent their married lives between Louisiana and WV.

She leaves behind many cousins and family friends. We would especially like to thank her friends and caregivers Karen and Bill Thomas, Karen Hodges, Sandy Foster, Joan and Roger Green, and Stephanie Robinson. And we cannot forget her beloved dog, Rocky. Dodo enjoyed reading and loved her dogs.

A special thanks also to Hospice Care for providing a comfortable and peaceful transition at home. In lieu of flowers, we suggest a donation to Hospice Care online or at 1606 Kanawha Blvd, Charleston, WV 25387.

Funeral service will be held at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at Bartlett-Nichols

Funeral Home, St. Albans. Burial will be private at St. Patrick Cemetery, Scott Depot.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service.

You may leave condolences for the family on Dodo's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com. Bartlet Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Bess Family.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

2098 Joyce Road
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 30. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

OCT 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Eric and I loved being your Louisiana neighbors. Two angels... Bill and Dodo.*

Kathleen Rosenberg - October 27, 2024 at 12:14 PM

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“ *You will be missed DoDo but now your with Bill living pain free and peaceful love you!*

karen hodges - October 25, 2024 at 02:50 PM