



## Dorothy Elizabeth Collins

July 24, 2019

Collins, Dorothy Elizabeth, 82, passed away on July 24, 2019 in Norwood, NJ. Dorothy was born in New York City, a daughter of the late William J. and Margaret M. Thompson. She grew up in Mountain Lakes, attended the University of Michigan and graduated from New York University. Dorothy was a long-time resident of Norwood, where she raised her family. She retired from the Tenafly Board of Education after a long career. Dorothy is survived by her loving children, Anne Marie Karalokian (Stephen) and Michael James Collins, a grandson, Alexander Karalokian, a sister, Madeline Gilligan, and a brother, James Thompson. She is predeceased by her husband, Timothy Joseph Collins, and a brother, William Thompson. Dorothy was a kind and caring woman who very much enjoyed gardening, painting, reading, crafts, horseback riding, and spending time with her family and friends. She will be truly missed. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 2-4 pm at Barrett Funeral Home 148 Dean Dr. Tenafly. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in Dorothy's name to the Norwood or Tenafly public libraries.

# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Collins.



August 03, 2019 at 07:28 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Collins.



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Michael J. Collins - August 01, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Collins.*



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July 30, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *Dorothy was a very special woman, with a wonderful sense of humor and zest for life. Her keen intelligence and love of reading kept the monthly book club of retired Tenafly staff members lively and interesting. Dorothy loved to hear about a new book to read and drew us all in with her enthusiasm. ,*

*Dorothy and I worked together for many years in Tenafly Public Schools and I remember fondly all the laughs and fun times we had together. My deepest condolences to her family whom she loved dearly.*

*Terry Collins*

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**Terry Collins** - July 28, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ *Dorothy and I were friends since kindergarten and I will miss her a great deal. I particularly remember canoeing and sail boating on the lake. She maintained a spirit of enthusiasm and curiosity in everything she did throughout her life.*

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**Susan Sumner** - July 28, 2019 at 04:57 PM

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“ To Dorothy's family.....Please accept my sympathy for the passing of Dorothy, a sweet and dear friend whose cheerfulness made the day seem brighter when we got together. It's been too long since we saw each other last and now I only heard the sad news 10 minutes ago. I will unfortunately be in North Carolina on August 3 closing on a house. I am very sorry that I will miss the service, but my thoughts will be with you on that day and the hard days ahead. Dorothy and I loved horses and had taken little trips years ago to Rohsler's garden center in Allendale as horses are kept behind the center. We also took a trip to Overpeck Park horse stables many years back and snuck a carrot to some of the horses. I remember so many nice conversations we had about gardening, Ireland, painting and our love for dogs. Dorothy's spirit will brighten the heavens for sure. Much love and strength to you all.....Laureen Haight (Dorothy's co-worker from Tenafly Board of Education).

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**Laureen Haight** - July 27, 2019 at 11:29 PM

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“ I will remember looking at Dorothy's paintings, which I much admired, and talking with her about her book club. She was a very accomplished woman. And such a fabulous sense of humor! Rest in peace, Dorothy. You will be missed.

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**Robin Williams** - July 27, 2019 at 03:03 PM