



Dorothy Gulbransen

January 28, 1919 - January 21, 2015

Dorothy Gulbransen died Jan. 21, 2015 in Napa. She was born Jan. 28, 1919 in Felsenthal, AR to Lela and Fred Tugwell.

Dorothy was one of the first 47 young women of the Women's Army Corps for commissions as a physical therapist, receiving gold bars as a lieutenant. She was a graduate of Arkansas State with a degree in Education, and Louisiana State University. She received her master's degree from Stanford University in Physical Therapy. Before enlisting in the Army, she taught physical education in the public schools of Sweet Water, Alabama. She was trained at Ft. Des Moines, IA; Indianapolis; and Camp Abbot, OR. She met her husband, Robert, while both were serving in the Army while stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. Dorothy would not marry Robert until he became an officer. They married in May of 1945.

Mrs. Gulbransen was very fortunate to visit Egypt, Greece, Turkey, England, Scotland, Norway, Italy, Spain, Australia, and New Zealand. She lived in Felsenthal, AR, Ancon, Panama, Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, and Marin City. She moved to Napa in 1954 and taught grade school at Napa Junction Elementary and Donaldson Way in American Canyon and at Carnaros Elementary in Napa.

Dorothy was a great athlete who taught her children to play tennis. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and a loving wife.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Robert Gulbransen Sr.; children Robert (Shirley) Gulbransen Jr., and Glenn (Kathy) Gulbransen; grandchildren Curtis Gulbransen, Wendy Gibson, Kate Gulbransen, Erin Gulbransen and Kevin Gulbransen; great grandchildren Noah Gulbransen, Logan Gulbransen, Calvin Gibson, Hunter Gibson and Roxanne Gibson.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Gulbransen*

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“ *The Harris family sends their thoughts and prayers to the Gulbransen family. For many years we have enjoyed a wonderful relationship for which we will always cherish.*

Craig Harris on behalf of the Harris family

Craig Harris - January 23, 2015 at 11:52 PM



“ *While I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dorothy, I noticed in her obituary that she was born in Felsenthal. My maiden name is Felsenthal and in 1978 I reached out to a John Reuler who sent me much information about the establishment of the town. I would have so enjoyed showing Dorothy this information and learning how she and her family settled in Felsenthal some 15 years after its founding in 1904.*

I hope you are doing as well as can be expected during this sad time.

With sincere sympathy,

Sue Felsenthal Parry, Saint Helena

Sue Parry - January 23, 2015 at 06:50 PM



“ *To our friend Bob. Words cannot express our sorrow in your loss. Dot was such a wonderful women. Always the lady. We've lived across the street for almost 42 years. Great neighbors. I bowled with Dot for a couple of years and had the most fun. She and her smile will be missed. Our sympathy to you and your family. R.I.P. Dot. 🌹*



Jerry & Judy Duncan - January 23, 2015 at 01:59 PM

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“*Dot, As we called her as a kids, was always the nicest lady. I remember her serving a friend and I, as kids, hot tang. We loved it, it was such a treat to us back then. My parents still live across the street for Bob and DOT. I just want to send out my condolences to Bob and the family, Dot was a great lady.*

Jeff Duncan

jeff duncan - January 23, 2015 at 06:56 AM