



## Dora Mae "Doty" Martin

September 12, 1933 - April 25, 2015

Dora Mae, better known as Doty, was born September 12, 1933, in Celina, OH, to the late Clyde and Viola M. Gillian Wurster. She was the second of four children and graduated from Celina High School in 1951. She attended Cleveland Bible College until a serious illness forced her to return home and discontinue her higher education. During her lengthy recovery, the doctor suggested moving to a new location might be helpful in her recuperation, so she went to spend some time with her older sister, Virginia, in Indianapolis.

Not long after arriving in Indianapolis, the course of her life was changed by a simple evening at a roller skating rink when a young man named Paul tied her skates. She went home and told her sister she had just met the man she was going to marry. After only a couple of weeks, he proposed and three months later on May 22, 1953, she married the love of her life, Paul E. Martin. This happy marriage lasted almost sixty-two years. Due to her illness, the doctors informed her that she would never bear children. One evening, as Rev. A.D. Urshan laid hands on her and prayed, everything changed. God took control of the situation, which resulted in four healthy children being born: Natalie Sue, Matthew Paul, Joanna Lynn, and Suzanne Marie. Together they raised four happy children with firm but loving hands. Their home was filled with lots of love and many wonderful memories. Natalie remembers being sent to the drug store with a dollar bill to buy twenty candy bars and the feasting that followed. Matthew will always remember the special lunch dates with her at

Red Lobster before leaving for Bible College. Joanna fondly remembers the wild wheelchair ride to the gift shop for a much-needed shopping spree at the hospital while awaiting Gregory's arrival. Suzie recalls the life changing moment at Christmas time when Doty told her she would give birth to a child by the following Christmas. Like her mom, she had been told she would never bear children, but Annika Suzanne was born December 14th of the following year.

Doty was a spitfire. You never wondered what she was thinking because she told you. She was a unique combination of strong, sassy, loving, giving, and serving. She had a gift of cooking and serving and was just ornery enough to still make it to heaven (in our opinion). Countless lives were touched by her wisdom as she stood at a stove or behind a steam table. She never held ministerial credentials but the influence of her ministry reaches around the world. Countless Calvary Christian School and Indiana Bible College students along with children and young people on the Indiana District Campground were influenced by her willingness to do the Lord's work. Only eternity will reveal the impact of her labor. She was a longtime and faithful member of the Calvary Tabernacle Church.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, vacationing in Florida, doing puzzles, computer seek and find games, and perusing social media sites. We are not quite sure that she ever totally understood the difference between posting a message and a private message. We experienced a few awkward moments to say the least.

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, Doty went to be with the Lord at the age of 81. This loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, and friend will be terribly missed by all who knew her.

Doty was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Viola Wurster, and her

two sisters, Virginia Pearson and Dottie Hanna.

She is survived by her loving husband of almost 62 years, Paul E. Martin; four devoted children, Natalie S. Gwaltney and husband Timothy, Rev. Matthew P. Martin and wife Kala, Joanna L. Godwin, and Suzanne M. Joki and husband Rev. Gregg Joki; Eight grandchildren, Abigail L. Kendrick and husband Keith, Allison N. Barber and husband Rev. Christopher Barber, Adrienne S. Adams and husband Blake, Meghan L. Brown and husband Kyle, Matthew P. Martin II and wife Amanda, Gregory P. Godwin, Joanna Brooke Pritt and husband Rev. Nathanael Pritt, and Annika S. Joki; Two adorable great-grandchildren, Silas C. Barber, Riley B. Martin, and soon to arrive, August C. Brown; her brother, Clyde L. Wurster, and brother-in-law Dale Hanna, as well as a host of friends and a loving church family.

Visitation will be Monday, April 27, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Tabernacle, 902 Fletcher Ave

In memory of Doty, contributions may be made to the Calvary Christian School.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel  
3333 E. Thompson Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
(317) 783-3315  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Tabernacle  
902 Fletcher Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46203  
(317) 262-4030

# Tribute Wall

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“ There are no words to express our sorrow at the loss of our dear friend, Doty. Sis. Martin was "one of a kind". My husband, David, thought Matthew could act any part in any play that he produced--including the "bad boy" in the story. Doty once expressed to him how horrifying it was to her to see her precious son act in such horrible ways. Of course, it was only an act, and David convinced her that Matthew was the best to perform that way. We had a lot of laughs over the years about that.

*My parents were privileged to work with her on many Calvary Anniversary dinners. My mother always said Doty could manage a kitchen full of people and get the job done with excellence better than anyone.*

*I always appreciated her testimony about the gift of her children. I know she truly loved her children and protected them and taught them to be the BEST. She would accept nothing else.*

*I'm sure she has gone home to heaven to help prepare the marriage supper of the Lamb. There is probably something the Lord wants to serve that couldn't be done just right unless Doty had a hand in it. Our loss is Heaven's gain, and we will look forward to seeing her there soon.*

*With love,  
Elaine and David Burlash*

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**Elaine Burlash** - April 28, 2015 at 07:10 AM

 Dennis  
Barrier

“ *Lifting up prayers for the entire family, I have very fond memories and admiration for Sister Martin and all the family, may the peace that passes our understanding be with you all, love*

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**Dennis Barrier** - April 27, 2015 at 09:56 PM

JP

“ *Sis Doty was an amazing lady of God, example, leader and role model, you will be missed until His soon coming!*

Jared Payzant - April 27, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ *So sorry to the Martin Family and Calvary Tabernacle for the loss of Doty...Bless You All - Pastor John and Kendra Martin and The River of Life*

John Martin - April 27, 2015 at 09:38 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - April 27, 2015 at 03:15 PM

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*We loved Doty and the whole Martin family. We loved never knowing what she would say, but she always said it with a smile. As in Psalm 31, her children can rise up and call her blessed! Our love to all of you. Thank you Matthew, Natalie, Joanna, and Susie for being a great part of our lives when we were in Indy. We pray for peace and comfort during this time. Love, Carl, Barbara, Todd, Mark, and Angela Trapani*

The Trapani's from Wisconsin - April 27, 2015 at 04:34 PM

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*So beautiful, an Amazing life well lived, now resting in Jesus...Joy Elsey*

Joy Elsey - April 28, 2015 at 01:40 PM

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*Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Martin family. Doty was as important contributor to our early years, and the family always there when needed. Her kindness and smile will always be remembered.*

*We will never forget her "Cowboy Beans", and the recipe is still in our family.*

*Hugh Rose II*

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**hugh rose** - April 29, 2015 at 04:51 AM

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“ *The Cunningham Family - Don, Connie, Brent & Yvette purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Dora Mae "Doty" Martin.*



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**The Cunningham Family - Don, Connie, Brent & Yvette** - April 27, 2015 at 02:18 PM

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“ *Stephen and Erma Judd and the Tupelo Children's Mansion purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dora Mae "Doty" Martin.*



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**Stephen and Erma Judd and the Tupelo Children's Mansion** - April 27, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dora Mae "Doty" Martin.*



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April 27, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Mae "Doty" Martin.



April 27, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Dora Mae "Doty" Martin.



April 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Mae "Doty" Martin.



April 27, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dora Mae "Doty" Martin.



April 26, 2015 at 11:53 PM

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“ I remember spending many nights and Calvary Tabernacle anniversary weekends with her daughter Natalie. She always made me feel a part of the family. She loved her family and was a great homemaker and mother. As a child I always thought there wasn't anything she couldn't do. She will have many stars in her crown. I pray for peace and comfort for the Martin family.

*Pam (Harris) White*

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**Pamel White** - April 26, 2015 at 10:54 PM



“ We always held Paul and Doty in great respect. Always consistent, faithful, loved the church and Gods people. I (Lana) was privileged to babysit their four children while Doty the cook worked for Calvarys annual Anniversary dinner. I have many memories and the one thing I always thought of when remembering Doty was how she loved her family. She will be missed by many. Our love and prayers are with the family during this hard time in life.  
*Jim & Lana (Harris) Adkins*

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**Lana Harris Adkins** - April 26, 2015 at 06:35 PM