



Doris A. Portwood

August 20, 1932 - April 23, 2020

Doris A. Portwood, 87, of Indianapolis, passed away April 23, 2020. She was born August 20, 1932 to Otto C. and Pauline E. Bade. Doris married William J. Portwood, April 15, 1955, he preceded her in death April 28, 1998. She was a secretary for IPS at both George Buck School #94 and John Marshall Middle school, retiring in 1997. Doris was a 54 year member of Eastgate Christian Church. She loved her family and church family. She loved her birds (especially Cardinals), doing puzzles and anything purple.

Doris is survived by her son, David A. Portwood; daughter, Diane M. Coombs (Bruce); grandchildren, Adrienne Coombs and Austin Coombs (Monica); and great granddaughter, Lucinda Rose Coombs.

Memorial contributions may be made to Eastgate Christian Church, CWF. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park

9350 E Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Tribute Wall

SM

“Doris was my grandmothers best friend and my bonus grandma and I loved her dearly. She sent me cards for almost every holiday my entire life and I can't imagine what the holidays will be like without her. She was such a special woman and I'm heartbroken that I didn't get to say goodbye. I take comfort in knowing that she knew I loved her and that I was blessed to have her in my life. Sending my love to her family.

Sara Martin - April 28, 2020 at 12:24 PM

MF

“Such a lovely woman. Sorry to hear of her passing. I remember her being very active at Eastgate Christian Church.

Marilyn Freeland

Marilyn Freeland - April 28, 2020 at 09:46 AM

NJ

“Mrs. Portwood was the secretary all the years I was at John Marshall and was always my FAVORITE! She was the sweetest person I have ever known! My deepest sympathy to her family.

Nancy Vinton Jarrell - April 27, 2020 at 01:38 PM

MH

“It was a true blessing to work with her at IPS. She could always make me smile. I am so sorry for your loss and so thankful that I was able to work with her. God bless you during this time of sadness.

Mary Beth Huckelberry - April 26, 2020 at 11:11 AM

DM

“ So sorry for you, Diane and David and families. She will be greatly missed - Eastgate CCDOC will not be the same place without her!

Debbie McConnaha - April 25, 2020 at 10:17 PM

JH

“ Diane and David, thank you for sharing your Mother with me. She was a wise woman and a spiritual inspiration. I considered her my “other mother “ living 17 years in Indianapolis. Moving back to Chicago couldn’t break our bond. I feel so privileged to have spoken with her twice in the past weeks. Goodbye my friend who worried more for others than herself.

Jan Hanson - April 25, 2020 at 06:16 PM

CS

Mrs. Portwood was a true gem among people. It was evident that she really loved her faith, friends, and above all, her family. I will always remember her during the Christmas season, as she passed on her fun family Christmas tradition to my family. Paige asked me just yesterday where my Christmas tree was. I told her it was put up until Christmas. She smiled and said enthusiastically, “And then we can look for our dollars, right?” It was a “Mrs. Portwood moment” that brought tears to my eyes. May this kind of memory of her help you through this difficult time. ❤️

Cheryl Singer - April 26, 2020 at 02:17 PM

JO

Sincere condolences to Diane and David and family. Doris was a wonderful caring person and will be greatly missed by many.💕💕💕
Jan and Zane Overton

Janet Overton - April 27, 2020 at 11:05 AM

DR

I'm am so sorry David, Diane, Adrienne, Austin and Fay and Bruce. Doris was such a kind person. I always knew I could count on her for anything I asked. She wrapped the food for the Hanging of the Greens every year and when I asked she would say "of course I will" . We would then use them as our white gifts. She always sent notes of appreciation for music our choir did. I would post them in the choir room so all could read. She sent my husband several notes during his illness and one of the last meals he had included her friendship bread that he couldn't stop talking about. I guess what I'm trying to tell you is Eastgate will miss her so much and she will be remembered always.

Donna Russell - April 27, 2020 at 03:13 PM