



Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock

November 26, 1934 - October 28, 2025

Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock, 90, of Indianapolis passed away October 28, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 26, 1934 to the late Robert and Alma (Alfke) Gerstner. Dorothy graduated from Thomas Carr Howe High School and went to work for the Army Finance Center at Fort Harrison. She married Donald Hancock November 16, 1952. They celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary this year.

Don was drafted into the Army and Dorothy joined him at Fort Benning, Georgia. When Don was discharged, they returned to Indianapolis and Dorothy returned to work at the Army Finance Center. When their children were small, she became a stay-at-home mom. Later she became secretary at St. Paul United Church of Christ and then Old Bethel United Methodist Church. After retiring, she volunteered one day a week as the receptionist at Old Bethel.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon at Old Bethel United Methodist Church, 7995 East 21st Street.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Donald Hancock; daughter, Linda (Jeff) Meyer; sons, Robert (Ann) Hancock and Thomas Hancock; grandchildren, Christopher (Sara) Hoyt, triplets, Bo, Quinn and Taylor Hancock, Tracie (Dan) Buhler, Lindsay (Adam) Armstrong, Tim (Kara) Meyer, Matthew (Jennifer) Meyer, and Andy (Michele) Meyer; and great-grandchildren, Milo and Claire

Hoyt, James Buhler, Brooks Armstrong, Madison, Jack, Max, Alex, Auggie, Frankie, Mia, Breckin, and Bryson Meyer.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Old Bethel United Methodist Church
7995 East 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Old Bethel United Methodist Church
7995 East 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock.*



October 31, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *Chuck & Mary Scahill & Families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock.*



Chuck & Mary Scahill & Families - October 30, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ *Chuck & Mary Scahill & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock.*

Chuck & Mary Scahill & Families - October 30, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ *Mark, Myna, Laura & Julia Brennan purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock.*



Mark, Myna, Laura & Julia Brennan - October 30, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock.*



October 30, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock.*



October 30, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Leah Greenwald purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock.*



Leah Greenwald - October 30, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Hancock Family.*

Kami Weaver - October 30, 2025 at 11:01 AM

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“ Her laugh and warm welcomeing smile. Talking about our husband and sharing food. Most of all our daily neighborhood walks with the Lady's.. She was not just my neighbor she and Don were my family. They were my second Mom and Dad. My heart is broken yet blessed to have Her in my life.. Much love my dear sweet wonderful friend. Always on my mind and forever in my heart ❤️❤️

Terry Merritt - October 29, 2025 at 09:41 PM

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“ Miller family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dorothy Louise (Gerstner) Hancock.



Miller family - October 29, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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