



## Dorothy Krafft O'Donnell

July 12, 1918 - December 28, 2021

Dorothy Krafft O'Donnell, 103, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at home with family.

Dorothy was born on July 12, 1918, in Brooklyn, New York. At six months her family moved to Alexandria, VA. She attended Saint Mary's Academy. She graduated from Dunbarton College of the Holy Cross in its first graduating class as a 2-year school in 1937, and she returned and graduated from Dunbarton's 4-year program in its last graduating class in 1973. She married John Bernard O'Donnell on June 14, 1941, and she survived him by more years than they were married. She was an active member of Saint Mary's and Saint Louis Catholic churches in Alexandria, and the Lay Carmelites in Washington, DC. She was the strong, warm, constant center for her family, and she loved swimming, traveling, and decades of much-beloved family beach week reunion vacations.

She is survived by her 11 children, Mary Beth, Dorothy (Steve), Jack (Lynn), Denny (Shirley), Mike, Tim, Chris (Debbie), Patty (Richard), Mark (Susan), Regina (John), and Ellen (David), 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, her brother Frank, sister-in-law Jeanette, and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Guests who wish to attend the ceremony at St. Louis Catholic Church may do

so in-person, or by livestream via the church website. In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift may be sent to St. Louis Catholic Church at [www.saintlouisparish.org](http://www.saintlouisparish.org).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1000 S Royal St,  
Alexandria, VA 22314

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 8. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

St. Louis Catholic Church  
2907 Popkins Ln  
Alexandria, VA 22306  
(703) 765-4421

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 8. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

St. Louis Catholic Church  
2907 Popkins Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Krafft O'Donnell

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Mary Beth and the O'Donnell family; I wish to express my sympathy over the death of your mother, and I pray that God will strengthen you in the days ahead as you cherish the memories of all the years you were enriched by her presence.

Jeff Barnes

Jeffrey Barnes - January 08, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ Dear Mrs. O'Donnell. who welcomed us Popkins and Coventry Road children, like the Nelsons and Sullivans, into her home -- whether it was after sledding on the hill at Popkins Farm trying to avoid the cow pies or just wandering the road to look for Patty, Regina or Ellen. or to say hi to Mary Beth who gave me encouragement during my student teaching at Mt. Vernon Woods ES. I'm retiring in May 2022 Mary Beth! Year 40!

Mrs. O'Donnell Graced us with her presence for years at the annual St. Mary's Academy Alumnae Afternoon Tea, joining for a trio of my mother, Mary and Mrs. Fredona Gartlan, most likely to share stories that happened during their years of dedication to St. Louis School/Church. I'd glance over during the luncheon just to see their smiles and laughter and think 'Surely Goodness'.

Love and Peace to You All,  
The Coventry Road Girls: Sue, Kak, Mary Liz, and Ann Marie

Sue Nelson-Sargeant - January 06, 2022 at 06:54 PM

JM

“ *Mary Beth, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Praying for your peace and the consolation of beautiful memories of her life.*  
*JaneBagnatoMeagher*

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**Jane Bagnato Meagher** - January 04, 2022 at 10:54 PM

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*To the O'Donnell Family...*

*My heartfelt, deepest condolences on the news of your Mother's death. RIP. Heaven has welcomed you with open arms after a long, fulfilled 103 years.*  
*Love,*  
*Patricia Delaney Yurgaitis*

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**Patricia Delaney Yurgaitis** - January 13, 2022 at 09:16 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to Mary Beth and her siblings and all the Dorothy O'Donnell family. May she rest in peace.*  
*Mary Jane Blodgett*  
*St Louis Church*

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**mary jane blodgett** - January 03, 2022 at 08:27 PM

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“ *I will never forget her humorous response when I tried to give her a compliment on her son Christopher. I told her she did a great job raising him, to my surprise she said, " I didn't raise him, he raised his self". Her quick wit will be missed.*

*Victor Blake, friend of Chris O'Donnell*

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**Victor Blake** - January 02, 2022 at 11:14 PM

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“ Aunt Dot was a beautiful person, inside and out. Condolences to all. Love, Ann



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**Ann Lewis** - January 02, 2022 at 08:30 AM