



## Doris H. Friedel

January 4, 1937 - October 13, 2025

After a lengthy decline, Doris Friedel, 88, of Tequesta, FL passed on to eternal life

October 13, 2025, the 108th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, which took place

during the last Apparition of Mary at Fatima, Portugal.

Doris was born in Gersdorf, Germany on January 4, 1937, the daughter of Paul and

Hildegard Schuessler. As a young woman, Doris had the courage to leave East Germany to

seek opportunity which did not exist under the oppression of Communism as it began to spread

into the East German nation. It was in the Western zone that she met and married Marcus, a

young GI stationed in Germany during the war in Korea. Following her husband's

discharge from the Army, they returned to his hometown in New Jersey.

Doris was a humble woman with a servant's heart and had boundless energy in her

younger years. That energy came in handy while managing a household which included

three flights of stairs! It was there, at their home in New Jersey, that in addition to serving the needs of her children and husband, she also provided at-home care for her mother-in-law until her death at age 98.

After her husband retired, they moved to Florida and worshipped together at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta, FL where she became Catholic and was active in the Council of Catholic Women, the Women's Emmaus Bible Study and she was an Usher at 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. She continued her love for gardening at their new home in Tequesta and spent ample time with her grandchildren. Doris was quite famous for her homemade German Christmas cookies.

Doris is predeceased by her husband Marcus, who passed only four weeks before her, and their son, Mark. Doris was also predeceased by two brothers, Joachim and Horst, and a sister-in-law, Wanda, all in Germany. She is survived by their daughter Catherine, son-in-law Deacon Lester Loh, daughter-in-law Sherri Friedel (their son's wife), married grandchildren Jordan Loh (Elizabeth) and Madeleine Quiroz (Carlos), four great-grandchildren and several nieces, a nephew and other living relatives in the USA and Germany.

A visitation Vigil will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home on Thursday, October 16th (prayer service at 6 p.m.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Jude Catholic Church on Friday, October 17th at 11a.m.

Doris will be laid to rest with her husband at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, FL. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that anyone wishing to make a memorial donation,

please consider making a donation, in Doris' name, to the DSA Campaign at

St. Jude in

Tequesta.

# Cemetery Details

## South Florida National Cemetery

6501 South State Road 7  
Lake Worth, FL 33449

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Prayer Service

OCT 16. 6:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Funeral Mass

OCT 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church  
204 US Hwy. #1  
Tequesta, FL 33469

# Tribute Wall

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“ Over the years that I have known Doris, I had great admiration for her. She was indeed a humble woman, with a servant's heart. I watched her for years, behind the scenes, quietly and selflessly give of herself, with no fanfare or need for recognition. Her energy amazed me, especially since I knew she was quite a bit older than me, and there was no way I could keep up with her. I always attributed this to her coming from good German stock! Doris definitely left a big and lasting impression on me. Speaking of her great German Christmas cookies, I had the pleasure of eating those delicious cookies one year when I had a few ladies over to my home to celebrate at Christmas. My first thought today, when I heard of Doris's passing was, "I know she certainly went straight to heaven"...such a blessing. I am so sorry for your family's loss. I know she will be missed. Please know that I will keep you all in my prayers 🙏

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**Angela Danforth Reichel** - October 14, 2025 at 07:36 PM