



Dorothy Lynn Sparks

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Major Dorothy “Dot” Sparks, 73, of Tequesta died peacefully at Jupiter Medical Center on the morning of November 25, 2025.

She was born in Geneva, Alabama on March 4, 1952 to James Carter Williams and Dorothy (Hay) Williams. Dot grew up in Wichita, Kansas before attending Central Michigan University as an undergraduate. She went on to study nursing at the University of Alabama and upon graduation, joined the US Navy (1977-1981) followed by the US Army (1985-1996).

A proud veteran, Dot served as an operating room nurse eventually becoming Chief Nurse of Urology at the Tripler Medical Center in Hawaii from 1985-1996, and while serving her country, earned a Meritorious Service Medal for exemplary non-combat service. Upon her military retirement, Dot settled in Tequesta, Florida and continued to share her nursing expertise as a school nurse with BAK Middle School of the Arts and Dreyfoos High School of the Arts, where her children attended. She loved to teach and served as an adjunct professor at Palm Beach Community College teaching anatomy and physiology courses.

Dot was a devoted mother to Michael (Lindsay Leach) and Kathryn and proud

grandmother to Helena, Rowan, Tessa, and Maeve. Her unwavering support enriched their lives and helped them build thriving futures. She treasured every moment with her family, and her presence will be truly missed.

In later retirement, Dot found a special home at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta where she regularly participated in Bible study, Rosary making, and church functions. The love and support from her church family was an enormous source of strength for her, and she carried their light with her throughout.

Dot is survived by her siblings Barbara Williams Sittason, James Carter Williams Jr. (Jean), Beverly Williams Holt (Samuel), Sr. Marya Williams, John Williams (Cindy), Daniel Williams (Marsha), Mark Williams (Lynn), several nieces and nephews, and her adoring lovebird, Booper.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday December 5 at 10am at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution in her name to St. Jude Children's Hospital or other charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

SU

“ Friends from North High in Wichita, KS. So nice to know of Dot’s service to our country in the Army and Navy. I have sung with Army Sargents and Navy Sea Chanters in Church in Washington, D. C. at the National United Methodist Church. Rest In Peace Dear Friend.

suezungker - February 24 at 01:55 AM

SR

“ Smith Roxanne lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lynn Sparks



Smith Roxanne - February 20 at 08:34 PM

SU

“ I enjoyed Dot’s friendship while we attended North High. I can remember going to her home on 13th Street for Girl’s Night-dancing and wanting to invite the boys in to dance. She was a kind and considerate gal! May She Rest In Peace. Love, Sue ❤️ 🙏 😊

suezungker - February 20 at 05:30 PM

MG

“ I have known Dot since our days at Tripler in Hawaii. We used to take our sons swimming at the Camp Smith pool and just enjoy a relaxing afternoon together. I last saw Dot in June 2022 when she visited me in Germany for a week. We had lunch at a local castle, visited a beautiful rose garden and enjoyed each other’s company. I will miss her.

Marsha Graham - December 04, 2025 at 11:10 PM

BH

I am her sister. She showed me the photos of that trip. I miss her too!

Beverly Holt - February 04 at 09:50 AM