



## Dorothy M Toutant

February 4, 1926 - July 16, 2014

Dorothy M. "Dot" Toutant, 88 of Charlotte passed away July 16, 2014 at Island City Assisted Living in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. She was born February 4, 1926 in Detroit, MI to parents Louis and Lois (McCullough) Wilker. Dot graduated from Cooley High School in Detroit. She then attended Albion College where she met and married Eldred "Tout" Toutant of Charlotte on June 7, 1947. Upon moving to Charlotte in 1947, Dot worked at Wilcox-Gay followed by many years as a Vision Technician for Barry/Eaton County Health Department. Dot was a member of First Congregational Church of Charlotte for over 65 years where she was a member of the Mary Martha Circle. She supported the American Red Cross Blood Bank earning the 20 gallon donation pin for her AB- blood type. Dot enjoyed teaching adult women to swim through the Charlotte Recreation program. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Eldred "Tout" Toutant, brother John Wilker and special friend, William Garvey. Dot is survived by three children, Linda (Ed) Hall of Sanger, TX; David (Sally Belson) Toutant of Battle Creek, MI; and Amy (Andy) Smith of Charlotte, MI; three grandchildren, Phillip (Elle Coudurier) Toutant of Detroit, MI; Ellie (fiance' Steve Hoover) Toutant of Atlanta, GA; and Austin Smith of Charlotte, MI; along with several nieces and nephews and many friends. A visitation is planned for Sunday, July 20 from 6-8 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, as well as Monday July 21st at the First Congregational Church U.C.C. in Charlotte at 10 AM with funeral following at 11 AM. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions can be made to

Alzheimer Research Foundation or to the First Congregational Church U.C.C. of Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Dot's Book of Memories at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I first knew Mrs. Toutant through the First Congregational Church where I met and became friends with her daughter Linda. She was always very caring and welcoming to a kid from the country who was shy and knew very few people "in town". I would have had a much harder time coming into High School without the Toutant Family. She was a lovely lady and I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. May your memories be a comfort and a smile be with you as you think back on your time together. You'll be in my thoughts.

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**Diane Betts** - July 21, 2014 at 09:09 AM

DA

“ Many years ago, when I moved to Charlotte from W.V. I met Dot through good friends. Grace Morey and Helen Palmer. There was a lady from Grand Rapids who visited Helen from time to time. Her name was Betty, cant remember her last name. We exerised together, went out to dinner and shared good times. They all called me the young one. I just loved all of them. We had wonderful times. We usually met at Helen Palmers home in the subdivision off of Otto Rd. Some great memories. they are all gone now, but never forgotten. Donna Allen

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**Donna Allen** - July 19, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RW

“ My sister and I grew up in Charlotte in the 50's & early 60's. Our father, Jarvis was an English/Speech teacher as well as drama coach in CHS and later, their assistant principal. Our parents were friends of your parents. The Toutants were such a positive influence on our lives and the lives of so many. My sister and I were able to lead summer playgrounds and gain job experience as we became teachers too. Your dad created so many recreation & sports opportunities!! Ro loved Synchronized Swimming and I, Water Safety. Both of us were camp counselors in HS and college summers, continuing your dad's legacy to encourage our youth. Most importantly, the optimism and joy in life shared with others, were your parents greatest gifts to our home town families. Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. God Bless you and your families. May your wonderful memories provide peace and hope. We will always remember your parents with joyful hearts.  
Cessily Wotring Thalacker & Rowena Wotring Collins

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Rowena & Cessily Wotring - July 19, 2014 at 08:44 AM

JA

“ My deepest sympathies to you Amy and your family. Your parents were the greatest. They left a lasting legacy on the city of Charlotte, and the children that grew up here. Your mom was such a support to your father in his desire to see that the children of our city had a wonderful time playing sports, and enjoying their summer. And Amy they passed that on to you. As a teacher at Parkview school I have seen you giving your best to the students. God bless you as you say goodbye to this wonderful mother of yours. Jackie Ames (Kids Hope USA mentor, Parkview School.)

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Jackie Ames - July 17, 2014 at 10:25 AM