



Dale Thomas Trott

March 3, 1933 - August 22, 2022

Dale Nelson Thomas Trott

Passed away of natural causes on 08/22/2022 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Preceded in death by husband (Joe), parents (Alan Farquhar and Dale Mannakee Thomas), and sister (Carolyn). Survived by three children (Joe (Sonia), Doug (Robin), and Margie) and six grandchildren (Sarah, Laura, Joanna, Scott, Olivia, and Amy).

Dale was born on 3/3/1933 in Brooklyn, New York and moved to Sandy Spring, Maryland as a child. As an adult she loved to tell stories of her childhood in a house called 'Little Big-E-Nuff' among her large extended family in the Sandy Spring area. She grew up as a member of the Society of Friends (Quaker) faith, the elder of two sisters, and very active in the outdoors and sports long before that was the norm for girls. Dale earned a Bachelor's Degree from Maryland State Teachers College at Towson in 1955 (now Towson University) and completed her Master's Degree in Education at the same university in 1986. She met the love of her life, Joe (Joseph Jennings Trott), a U.S. Marine Officer, on a blind date in college and they married in 1956, starting out their married life on a cross-country road trip to California, where they set up their first home. A few years later, a new adventure began when she packed up her two small children and spent a year in Italy where Joe was assigned.

Dale was a lifelong teacher, either as mom to Joe (b. 1959), Doug (b. 1962), and Margie (b. 1965), or in several schools and elementary grades in

southern California and Baltimore County, Maryland. She taught her children, whether by birth or in the classroom, the value of education, hard work and discipline. Following Dale's retirement in 2002 after 26 years in Baltimore County schools, she delighted in traveling with Joe and their friends and visiting family in Minnesota and Tennessee, along with frequent trips to Walt Disney World.

Dale devoted herself to family, friends, and teaching, and was a generous friend, gracious host and wonderful cook. She especially loved to bake, including gingersnap cookies to hand out at Halloween and extra cookies any time for her children and grandchildren. She had a lifelong love of scrapbooking and created beautiful greeting cards, generously sharing both with family and friends.

After almost 60 years in Maryland Joe and Dale moved to Minnesota in August 2015 to be close to two of their kids and four of their grandkids, and found a new home at Waverly Gardens. Dale was very active in the Waverly Gardens community until her death, playing bridge, gardening, attending church and religious education classes with friends, enjoying many social activities, and serving on several committees seeking to improve the lives of community members. She was well known for her get-it-done skills and always upbeat attitude, and she thought a good surprise was the best thing in the world.

Services have been held at Waverly Gardens. Interment with her beloved husband, Joe, will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in a private ceremony. Donations preferred to Waverly Gardens to support the purchase of a bench to be placed near a tree the Waverly Gardens' community planted last fall (2022) to honor Dale. The bench will be dedicated to both Dale and Joe in the spring or summer of 2023.

Donations may be sent to:

Eilene Wisniewski, gift planner

Waverly Gardens

5919 Centerville Rd.

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