



Mrs. Dorothy Kay Thurman

August 20, 1936 - July 28, 2022

Devoted wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend, Dorothy Kay Summers Thurman, 85, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, July 28, 2022, while surrounded by her loving family and pet friends.

The only daughter of Paul F. Summers and Eva Mertz Summers, of blessed memory, she was born on August 20, 1936, in Honolulu, Hawaii. She is also preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Leonard I. "Turkey" Thurman, who passed away in 2018; son, Christopher "Chris" Thurman, who passed away in 2016; brother, Richard Paul Summers, who passed away in 1980; and a son-in-law, Christopher Anthony Puglisi, who passed away in 2019.

She is survived by a daughter, Tammy McIntyre-Puglisi; granddaughters, Lindsey K. McIntyre and Callie Thurman; grandson, Teal Thurman and daughter-in-law, Patty Thurman. She is also survived by other extended family and many dear friends.

A teacher by profession, she taught at Sabal Palm Elementary School for 22 years, making rich friendships with her teaching family. She then taught her last years at Springwood Elementary School for five years. During her many years in education, she touched countless lives.

She will be inurned at Roselawn Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice.
Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

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“ I will never forget Kay Thurman. She was my Directing Teacher when I interned in her classroom during the 1970-1971 School Year at Sabal Palm.

I learned so much under Mrs. Thurman. At the end of my internship, Mrs. Thurman asked our principal, Mr. Vernon Allen, to consider me to replace Mrs. Robinson on their 4th Grade Team who was retiring. I was offered the position which I accepted.

Kay, Gloria Simmons, and I were teammates for 21 years. I even had the privilege to teach Kay's son, Chris Thurman, in my third class at Sabal Palm. I loved working with our team and we treated each other like family. We kept in touch over the years and shared many wonderful memories during our time together.

Kay Thurman was a wonderful caring person that I loved and admired. She is now with Turkey and Chris and is free of pain. May she R.I.P.

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