



## Dorothy McDermott

August 28, 1921 - September 3, 2016

Dorothy McDermott, 95, died peacefully in her Visalia home on September 3, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Oravada, Nevada on August 28, 1921 to Herman and Ellen Loest. She attended Woodbury College on a scholarship from Montgomery Ward and graduated Magna Cum Lade with a Fashion Design and Millenary degree. In Los Angeles she met and married Noel Hutton McDermott in 1941, six days after Pearl Harbor. Noel and Dorothy moved to Visalia in 1947 where they raised six children. “Grandma Golfer” loved playing golf, winning the Visalia Country Club Woman’s Championship three times, and encouraging all of her children and grandchildren to become golfers. Dorothy also enjoyed playing bridge, sewing her children’s clothes, teaching family and friends to sew, and cooking fabulous meals. After raising her children she enjoyed working part-time at the Tulare County Bar Association office.

Dorothy is survived by her six children: Shari Pratt, Denni Pearson, Mike McDermott, Bruce McDermott, Christine Fischer, and Brian McDermott, as well as fifteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with all of her family, particularly her themed birthday parties with her children in Cayucos where they dressed up in silly costumes, kayaked, played golf, and cooked together. Dorothy maintained her competitive spirit through her 95th birthday party where she played Mexican Train and Caroon. Her wit and humor was ever present. She was a kind, patient and supportive wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Dorothy is

predeceased by her husband, Judge Noel Hutton McDermott, her parents Herman and Ellen Loest, and siblings Betty Pierce and Edward Loest. There will be a celebration of the life of Dorothy McDermott on September 20, 2016 at the Visalia Country Club at 11:00 am. A private internment will take place at a later date in Cayucos, CA where she will join Noel. Arrangements are being made by Salser and Dillard. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (PT)

Visalia Country Club  
625 N. Ranch St.  
Visalia, CA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a wonderful, joyful celebration of life party for Dorothy. She would have been so pleased (and I am sure she was there watching proudly as her children shared their stories and adventures and memories). Such a perfect setting and beautiful location to honor her life. So many wonderful friends of Dorothy attended.....she will truly be missed. May your swing remain true forever Dorothy.*

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**steve love** - September 24, 2016 at 09:50 PM

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“ *9/19/2016  
Dear McDermott Family,  
We know Dorothy from the Visalia Country Club, of course.  
I started golfing with the Ladies group around 1988, and Dorothy was always  
very gracious and made sure I had a game scheduled to play. I loved being on her team because she would always hit the ball down the middle and she could surely  
putt it in the hole. She never complained about an ache or a sore, she just loved being out there.  
Our family was also able to spend a few weekends at your great Cayucos Beach house. Our kids still talk about what great fun they had in that big house with all the bedrooms and bunkbeds, and the beach right down the stairs ! This wonderful memory is apart of their childhood.*

*Dorothy will definitely be missed but never forgotten.  
May God Bless her and all your wonderful family.  
Love, Rebecca and Mark Navo  
Zak, Max & Chantal*

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**Rebecca Navo** - September 19, 2016 at 04:25 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy McDermott.*



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September 19, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy McDermott.*



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September 19, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ *McDermott Family:*

*We were privileged to know Dorothy on her 92nd birthday celebrated with us in Fort Wayne, Indiana.*

*Dorothy had a full day of activities with a day at the Fort Wayne Country Club playing her favorite sport- Golf. She danced in Bollywood melodies with us .She laughed and enjoyed gatherings of more than 350 persons.We will cherish her moments with us.*

*It was with great sadness, we learned Dorothy's passing. Please convey our heartfelt condolences to the McDermott Family.*

*Nagin and Priya Shah and the Shah Family.*

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**nagin shah** - September 11, 2016 at 08:40 AM

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“ To Shari and all the family, my heart goes out to all of you as Dorothy was larger than life and a wonderful person. We will all miss her. Susan Merrill

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**Susan Merrill** - September 10, 2016 at 05:45 PM

JR

“ McDermott Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers, at this most difficult time.  
We are going to miss Dorothy our wonderful neighbor for over twenty years. We loved seeing her beautiful ear to ear smile as she was headed out in her red golf cart, always waving! Dorothy was my idol!  
Sincerely,  
Jeff & Joyce Richardson

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**Joyce Richardson** - September 10, 2016 at 04:48 PM