



## Dorothy Ann Walters

February 22, 1962 - September 2, 2025

Dorothy "Dot" Walters, beloved wife and cherished friend, entered into eternal peace and happiness on September 2, 2025 at 8:48 p.m. She was 63 years old. Dot was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in mid-May, facing it with courage and grace. She completed her chemotherapy treatments and had only two radiation treatments remaining when a sudden infection compromised her already weakened immune system. The complications led to lung inflammation that ultimately took her life. Dot leaves behind John Walters, her devoted husband of 42 years, to cherish her memory. Dot and John's love story began in 1978 when they met at a high school dance. John and his best friend Pat Sullivan spotted her on the dance floor boogieing to the Bee Gee's "Night Fever," a song from one of Dot's favorite movies "Saturday Night Fever." John and Pat wagered with one another to determine which of the two of them would ask her to dance, and that's where fate stepped in. John won the wager, and that first dance? It resulted in the two of them becoming not only inseparable high school sweethearts, but lifelong partners. John and Dot married in 1982 while John was still a student at Florida State University. After graduation, the couple moved to Jacksonville, Florida where Dot began her career with First Union Bank. Together, they bought their first home in San Marco - a small bungalow in need of complete renovation. With vision and determination, Dot poured her heart and soul into the project, transforming the house into a beautiful home. She had a remarkable talent for design, and she often fondly reminisced about their time

there. In time, Dot and John made their home in Island of Palms near Jacksonville Beach where they lived for 22 years. Surrounded by water and community, they enjoyed boating and it was there that they made many dear and lifelong friends. One day in 2013, they discovered a perfect lot in downtown Saint Augustine. To Dot, it felt like the return to their San Marco beginnings; to John, it was easy access to the water for boating. Dot and John moved into their dream home in April 2024 - grateful, joyful, and excited for the years ahead. Their happiness deepened when their childhood friend Pat Sullivan and his wife Melissa moved just down the street. One evening over cocktails, Pat told John he had a premonition that he was sent here for a reason, perhaps to help John deal with his aging parents. In the end, Pat and Melissa were sent here to help John cope with the loss of his lifelong sweetheart, Dorothy Dot. Pat's premonition is proof of how life's blessings often arrive in unexpected ways. Dot lived much of her life with the challenges of chronic back pain caused by a high school cheerleading accident, but never let it define her. Although a spinal fusion surgery gave her a decade of relief, she dealt with constant pain through the years with remarkable strength. While Dot and John were not blessed with children, she filled their hearts and home with love for their three schnauzers; Bart, Georgia, and Marley. She delighted in caring for them, just as she did for everyone fortunate enough to know her. Dot's final wish was to be remembered with joy at a celebration of life ceremony at their Saint Augustine home. Plans for this gathering will be shared in the coming months. Dot will be remembered as a beautiful woman - inside and out - whose warmth, creativity, and enduring love left a mark on all who knew her, especially John. She will be deeply missed by John, her family and friends. May her spirit live on in the countless memories she created, and may she rest in peace.

# Tribute Wall

YE

“ I met Dot and John around 2006 when I started working as a nanny for a neighbor. Since I met her, she offered her pool so I can have fun with the girl I was watching. She said: “Yesi, no need to knock on my door, just go around and enjoy the pool”. She was always kind and sweet. Later, I started cleaning her house so I had the chance to know her better. She shared some memories but most of the time she had the patience to listen to mine. She truly cared about me and listened to my stories. If I was there working, she always offered to fix me a plate. Dot truly cared for others. She cared about me and will live in my heart forever. My prayers are with John and their family.

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Yesica - October 09, 2025 at 09:14 PM

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“ I first met Dot back in the early 90's when we both worked at First Union Bank, long before I knew we'd someday be neighbors. From the start she was exactly as I would know her years later: kind, quick-witted, and funny with an easy laugh. She adored her husband John then every bit as much as she did when our paths crossed again as neighbors, a love that was steady and inspiring. Dot welcomed everyone with warmth and our little Yorkie, Daisy, sure knew it. Daisy had a habit of sneaking out through the cat door to her favorite friend's front door and bark until Dot came out with affection and of course treats, so as you can imagine Daisy made this trip several times a day! 😊 And when she and John moved, Dot made sure to give Daisy a special goodbye. We like to think that somewhere in heaven Daisy is happily greeting her dear friend again. We don't always understand God's plan, but I'm profoundly grateful to have known Dot. I will always remember her warmth, wit, and steady kindness. Until we meet again, dear Dot. Love, Anita Touring

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Anita Touring - September 24, 2025 at 03:23 PM

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“*Dot was one of those rare genuinely kind, loving & sweet person. She and John had an amazing love story. I always admired the way they supported each other. I remember asking Dot how she tolerated John's silliness and her answer was that he always made her laugh and she loved that about him. Rest in peace Dot. You will be missed.*



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**Anne Hastie** - September 16, 2025 at 09:25 AM

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“*Last January, me and my Sister Tammy were in St. Augustine for Tammy's birthday. Dot saw we were there and we all met for dinner. John was my classmate, 1980 grads, and they brought along another classmate, Pat Sullivan with his wife, Melissa. I haven't laughed so hard since school. The next day, Dot gave us a tour of their awesome home. She was so proud of it and told us of her dreams to do more in the future. I am extremely grateful that we saw Dot in happy moments before her illness and John is blessed to have Pat and Melissa nearby. Praying always for your loss, John, and for the extended families. Dot was a wonderful soul loved by many.*

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**Vicki Taylor** - September 14, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ I met Dot or as I called her “Granny Wa Wa” in 1987 when we worked together at First Union. We became best friends from the day we met. I remember going scalloping with her and John and her Momma & Daddy, Spending the night with her while John was out of town, laying out by the pool, plus many other memories!!!! Dot was undoubtedly the sweetest most beautiful person I’ve ever known... My heart broke into a million pieces.. I will see you soon my friend... I love you & John soooo very much!!! ❤️🙏❤️

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**Julie Strickland-Miller** - September 11, 2025 at 05:36 PM

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“ My beautiful girlfriend, I'm so sad you are gone. I already miss our weekly phone calls, only a few people still make those, you did and it always made me happy. We had the good fortune to go on a few vacations together and you were always game, making it a great time. Dot, you were easy to be with! You were the best confidant. Listening, giving your advice and in the end saying something irreverent that cracked us up. You had Classic Beauty and oh those legs! You taught me how to choose classic clothes and shop at J Crew, you could have run that company. I loved shopping with you. Your homes were beautiful and a lesson in decorating. You Inspired Me. Even more, you were just as stylish on the inside, humble, kind, filled with love and down to earth goofiness. Dot Walters you were one of a kind. We will go on and do our best to comfort John but losing you is losing part of ourselves. I can only take solace in thinking of you in Heaven with God. I will see you again my Friend.

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**Becky cahill** - September 10, 2025 at 11:05 AM

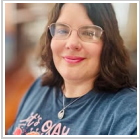
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“ Jane and Fred Heivilin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Ann Walters.



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**Jane and Fred Heivilin** - September 10, 2025 at 09:31 AM

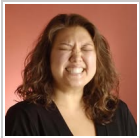


“ I am Dot's cousin. While we weren't close my mother and one of her aunt's, Doris Floyd, had many fond memories of Dot growing up around her as sort of a second Mother. Her mother, Ann Sturdivant and her father Joe Sturdivant (already passed) loved her dearly. She was the sweetest person and will be greatly missed.



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**Laura Jones** - September 10, 2025 at 05:34 AM



“ I met Dot many years ago when we worked at First Union. She quickly became a close friend and confidante. She was one of the sweetest, kindest, and funniest people I have ever known. We made so many wonderful memories over the years. I am heartbroken to hear that she is gone. John, I am sending love and strength to you, your family, and the many people who knew and loved her. Dot, thank you for always being there to listen and support me when I needed it. You are loved and missed. - Chris

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**Chris Meyer** - September 09, 2025 at 05:25 PM

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“ My husband and I were only blessed with having the honor to know Dorothy "Dot" for a year and in that year we got to experience her unending kindness. My husband is not a hugger but every time he saw Dot she hugged him and he said it made him feel at peace and we are grateful to have known her and hope that John and her family and friends can find some peace in knowing what beauty she brought to this world.

Stephanie and John Chamberlin - September 09, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ So so many memories growing up with Mrs Dot as a second mother figure to me! From the countless school pick ups, to her trying to help me with homework (until we both had no idea what we were doing so we watched movies and waited until Mr. John got home), to the laughs and sleepovers she and mom (Shelley) would have on the weekends, just like they never grew up! She is so loved and will be deeply missed by all that knew her. We keep her and Mr John in our prayers through this hard time.

Kaylee Edwards - September 09, 2025 at 02:08 PM

MM

“ My sweet friend Dot. She will be forever loved and forever missed. I have so many memories swirling around in my head from the past 40 years, but the one thing I remember most about Dot is how she loved to laugh. She told me many times that one of the reasons she loved me is because I made her laugh. She made me laugh too. I'm going to miss my sweet friend. ❤️

Mechelle Murphy - September 09, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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“ *It's impossible to believe that such a sweet young soul is gone. Dot was a part of our family and will be dearly missed. Angie and Pete Langlois*



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**Angie Langlois** - September 09, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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“ *I FONDLY REMEMBER ENJOYING ST. PATRICK'S DAY ADULT BEVERAGES WITH SHE AND JOHN AT AN IRISH PUB IN SAINT AUGUSTINE THIS YEAR*

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**BOB BARNES** - September 09, 2025 at 01:35 PM

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**Stephanie and John Chamberlin** - September 09, 2025 at 02:02 PM



*I just found out that my dear friend, Dot had passed. First of all, John, my condolences. I remember when you first starting dating at Taylor County High School, through FSU and then lost touch. I spoke to Dot in August and she told me y'all were building a house not to far from me in St Augustine! I had no idea she is gone. I will never forget our years in school together as best friends. She was a special soul. God Bless you. Diane Hagan Scherff*

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**Diane Scherff** - December 11, 2025 at 11:17 AM