



Dorothy Marie Vatter

December 4, 1942 - June 21, 2020

Dorothy Marie Vatter, 77, of Crawfordville, passed away on June 21, 2020 at her home with her loving family. She moved to Crawfordville from Miami in 2005 after selling her Tropical Fish Business Atlantic Marine Life, where she was Owner/Operator. Dorothy was a member of Lake Ellen Baptist Church, a member of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Society, a Mary Kay Representative, Sunday School teacher, volunteer at the Alzheimer's Day Care at Lake Ellen Baptist and was an avid fisherman.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years David Lee Vatter, children Susan Vatter Moninger and husband Daniel, John Robert Vatter and wife Valerie, Tami Lynn Vatter Perry and husband Robbie & Mary Catherine Vatter, sister Kathy Cordell Vargas, 7 grandchildren Jason Daniel Moninger, Rebekah Sue Moninger Gaudet, Travis Wayne Vatter, Tara Lyn Vatter Reynolds, Randall Lee Perry, Victoria Lynn Perry & Hayden Austin Haney and 7 great grandchildren Cassidy Grace Moninger, Cooper Douglas Moninger, Dylan Ray Gaudet, Lucas Daniel Gaudet, Kylie Lynn Walker, Maci Layne Reynolds & Cody Ronald Walker.

Family will receive friends Friday, June 26, 2020, 12:00-1:00 pm at Lake Ellen Baptist Church and the Funeral Service will begin at 1:00 pm with burial to follow at church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the [Dementiasociety.org/memorials](https://www.dementiasociety.org/memorials) in the memory of Dot Vatter.

Skip & Trey Young with Family Funeral Home are assisting the family with

their arrangements. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Cemetery Details

Lake Ellen Baptist Church

4495 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

JUN 26. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Lake Ellen Baptist Church
4495 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Funeral Service

JUN 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Marie Vatter*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - June 25, 2020 at 10:11 AM

SM

Turn your volume up to listen to the music. A special thank you to the staff at Family Funeral, for all the help getting this video together and all the other details. Beautiful experience.

Susan Moninger - June 25, 2020 at 10:58 AM

JM

“ *Dottie was one of the most loving and caring people I have known. Her love for Dave, family and God was paramount. I recall and cherish the many fishing trips, card games and other times we shared. We will all miss her. Jim M*

James Marks - June 29, 2020 at 07:56 AM

SM

“ second half of My Tribute...She was also a confidant, nurturer, a cheering section and comforter. She was embracing and loving and forgiving no matter what. We remember all of our family gathers for special events and time spent enjoying one another. We remember her joy as each grandchild and then great child was born, we remember how proud she was at each accomplishment we all made and we remember the sad times too. Mom never wanted anything more than a happy, loving, content family, sticking together, forgiving and supporting one another. She loved with a mother's love, like a mama bear, loving fiercely and protectively. My special memory is of a time when I was a young teen. Household chores don't stop just because you want to go be with your friends, so every Saturday, the mornings were spent cleaning and dusting. One morning mom and I were dusting furniture in her room and as she was prone to do, she was humming a favorite song. She sang it all the time and so as she was humming, I began to sing along while dusting away! It was such a fun thing, to blend our voices together singing of God's love and by the end of the song we felt the spirit of the Lord with us and it was a beautiful feeling. Weeping with the joy of the Lord we knelt down by the bed and prayed and worshipped the God who loved us enough to die to pay our sin debt and rise again so we could one day be with Him. This event is significant in my life as it gave me such joy in the Lord, feeling His presence in such a real way. And I still serve Him today. The song we sang was "He Touched Me". It will always be special to me because of mom and the time we sang together that morning. The Legacy song I shared at the beginning, says it doesn't matter if we remember her or her accomplishment, but of course we will always remember her. What it means is that above all else remember her message of God's Love and Saving Grace. Mom left behind a Legacy in 4 kids, 7 grandkids and 7 great grandchildren, but beyond that, is Her Love of the Lord and her desire to tell what He has done in her life, to see her whole family saved so we will see her again someday in a Heavenly reunion. Mom loved God and she lived it! I hope someday to be just like her!. This is not goodbye, mom. Its only , I will see you later. Rest for now in the arms of God.

I love you.

Susan Moninger - June 26, 2020 at 10:42 PM

DM

“My name is Susan, I am the elder daughter. I want to share with you The legacy of our mom. I sat down to write this several time over this past week, trying to recall special memories, cute stories and funny event but it always came back to one thing. Moms legacy,, not just her large family, but more. So I thought if she was here what would she tell you? Then a song came to mind: it goes like this...
“Make it count, leave a mark, build a name for yourself Dream your dreams, chase your heart, above all else make a name the world remembers. But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams. I got lost in the light when it was up to me to make a name the world remembers, But Jesus is the only name to remember. All the kingdoms built, all the trophies won will crumble into dust when it's said and done 'Cause all that really mattered.. Did I live the truth to the ones I love? Was my life the proof that there is only One Whose name will last forever? I don't want to leave a legacy I don't care if they remember me, Only Jesus. I've only got one life to live I'll let every second point to Him Only Jesus, Jesus is the only name to remember!”

Yes! Our mom was a strong Believer in Jesus Christ. She raised us all to know who Jesus was and prayed that we would all get saved and serve the Lord. She was a strong prayer warrior lifting us in prayer through all seasons of our lives. What a comfort it was to know she was at the foot of the throne asking out heavenly father to save and protect us. Her Godly wisdom, kindness and patience affected everyone in this room. Did you know she prayed for you too? Well she did. When life got rough she always reminded us that all life's answers and comfort could be found in Jesus. The bible describes a Virtuous (Godly) woman in Proverbs 31. In reality this is the perfect description of mom.

v-10 virtuous, spiritually capable and intelligent v-11 far valuable than riches (treasured) v-12 trusted by her husband giving him secure confidence in her v-13 works willingly (hard worker, always completing what she started, never complaining) v14 provider of food, making sure all are feed (if you have ever been to one of our family gatherings, no one ever left hungry) v15 Keeping the household in order, Organized. (dirt and dust were not allowed,

everything had a place and ya better take your shoes off at the door) V-16 Does business prudently. (smart, strong business sense, ran the family office for 40 years and raised a family and this helped mold us into our adult careers of Self employed business owners, power trader in large corp., construction, teaching, and parenthood just to name a few) V17 seeks God for strength (often heard in our house, Lord give me strength) V18 prepared for future (spiritually as well as physically) V 19 seamstress (when I was little she made clothes for us in order to save money) V20 Help the poor and needy (she would feed, clothe and pray for anyone in need. Heart of compassion) V21-24 Frugal. (Thrifty, she could pinch a penny and make it scream If need be, in order to make ends meet.) V25 strength and dignity (she exhibited both) V26 speaking Kindness and wisdom while giving Godly council. (not only to us but to you all as well) V27 Never Idle. (Hardworking, Perfect host, making sure everyone had what was needed.) V28 Her children call her Blessed (admired, but actually we were blessed that God gave us mom) V29 while charm, grace and beauty can be deceptive (which for her was not), Her character was more important. Worshipping, obeying, trusting and serving the Lord with respect. V30-31 she shall be praised. (Loved and spoken of fondly)
Now I ask you, is this not who she was? I think so. (to be continued, I ran out of space)

Daniel Moninger - June 26, 2020 at 10:38 PM

SM

Dan did not write this, I did. this part one, see part two above. Sue~

Susan Moninger - June 26, 2020 at 10:41 PM

DW

“ Dottie was one of the most beautiful people we have ever known - inside and out. Dottie and Dave and Lewis and I Made such wonderful memories together – from Key West to Flamingo to Montana and Tennessee. We almost made it to Alaska, but had to turn around in Iowa and head back to Homestead, thanks to hurricane Andrew. She would come out of her room to go fishing at 5 o'clock and have her make up on and her hair done. She was the best friend, wife, mother and grandmother that anyone could ask for. You will be greatly missed, Dottie. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of her family in this very sad time.

Diann Walker - June 26, 2020 at 02:05 PM

WC

“ My family moved to swamp water in 1964, there wasn't very much to do there as a kid .in the backyard at the Vatters house they had concrete fish tanks they would use for their business. One Hot summer day Linda Mulholland me and a couple other Swampwater kids decided to go swimming in their huge concrete fish tank to cool down after a while we saw Dorothy coming out of the back door right toward us, we knew we were in some deep trouble. But that was not the case at all she had a big platter of sandwiches cool drinks and they were even cut in half with some chips. It is A good memory of a great person With a understanding heart 🌹🌹

Wes Coleman - June 25, 2020 at 09:04 PM

LH

“ I have known Dave and Dottie Vatter for many decades and always felt that they were some of the most genuine people I have ever met. Their love for each other was lasting and true. Dottie will be missed by her loving family and many friends.

Lee Huszagh - June 24, 2020 at 06:59 PM

DH

“ No words can fill a broken heart, dot was a mom to everyone she touched in her life. A great person, loving mother,dedicated loving wife to Dave. We all share fond memories of her life. Her nurturing of family through thick and thin, her kind words to everyone in her life. Those in christ will see her again. We will miss her for now.
Love the Hill Family

David Hill - June 24, 2020 at 03:19 PM

FP

“ Thinking of the Vatter Clan this morn. and remembering how much Dot, and your Family, has meant to my own, during the past half century.
Diane and I feel fortunate to have had our paths cross with Dot, and with you all!!! She will, EVER be in our thoughts.....
Diane and Flip Pallot

Flip Pallot - June 23, 2020 at 10:13 AM

CA

Sue and extended family, please except our sincere condolences during this time. "Until we meet again" RIP. 🙏

caroline alter - June 24, 2020 at 09:04 AM

SM

Thank you Caroline.

Susan Vatter Moninger - June 24, 2020 at 11:55 PM

CV

“ My fondest memories of Dottie are moments when we would sit down and have deep meaningful discussions of family and life. She had a great understanding, advice, a forgiving nature and a tender heart. It was so touching to see her light up whenever she spoke of her children and how proud she was of them and her love and devotion for her husband. One of my favorite stories we shared was when she knew Dave was the man for her.



They were on date at the drive theater. Sue was in the back seat and very young. They were watching the movie and Dave went to stretch out his arms, she thought ... this is it, he was finally going to put his arm around her. Ha! Instead, he reached towards the back seat and held his little daughters hand. She said she knew at that very moment she wanted to spend the rest of her life with him. She lit up the whole room when she spoke of her love for him and how much she loved the family that they raised together. She lit up the room when she spoke of her close relationship with Christ, she lit up the room whenever she entered a room. She was and still is shining light and will always shine in our hearts.

Cindy Vedo - June 23, 2020 at 07:21 AM

SM

Thank you for sharing this. I has never hears that story.

Susan Vatter Moninger - June 24, 2020 at 06:52 PM

 Cherie
Conzett

“ My mom and Dottie were very close friends for over 50yrs. They were both very stylish, proper, polite, and gracious women. Yet they were also both God fearing women. Even when they moved miles away from Miami, they still managed to stay friends and get together whenever possible. My heart goes out to Dave and the family. I can only imagine how happy they will be when they are reunited with other friends and family members in the Presence their Lord!! Blessing and Prayer for the family thru this difficult time!!

Cherie Conzett - June 22, 2020 at 07:30 PM

DP

“ I have several memories, but one of the most Dearing memories was when she and I rode to Gainesville for Beka's one year check-up. We laughed, praised and loved each moment together. Dottie's memory will live forever in each of us. She made a huge mark in my families life. Love you all.

Donna Parker - June 22, 2020 at 05:24 PM