



Dorothy Pentecost

August 14, 1931 - January 31, 2016

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Dot was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star Mount Dora, FL Chapter #103 and is a Past Worthy Matron, lifetime member of the Order of the Amaranth Chapter #34 and is a Past Royal Matron. She is a lifetime member of the Women of the Moose Chapter 1389 where she enjoyed playing Bingo and running the kitchen with her family and friends on Spaghetti Dinner Night to raise money for the Lodge.

Dot was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels in 1971 and was such a dedicated volunteer they hired her to run one of their first meal sites in Umatilla, FL. It was the first meal site in Florida to have a garden and was a model to how future meal sites would be managed. The site grew so large that they moved to their current location in Eustis where she was instrumental in assisting them to obtain a grant to have the building erected in 1984 at 301 WestWard Avenue. She was employed with Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. Senior Services until 2012 due to health reasons that reluctantly forced her into retirement. She

has over 40 years of dedicated service to the community and always went beyond her title of “Eustis Senior Center Site Manager” but was a true inspiration to all with her constant words of encouragement, selfless giving, inspiring others to do extraordinary things, and dedication to living life by The Golden Rule.

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Dot also volunteered in the 1970s with Bay Street Players and Girl Scouts where her daughter was active for many years.

Dot is survived by her son Cecil E. Pentecost Jr., his wife Vicki Pentecost, granddaughters Harmony and Amber Pentecost. Daughter Pamela Janeen Colmenero, her husband Carlos Colmenero and grandson Mateo Alejandro Colmenero.

In lieu of flowers the Family has requested that all donations be made to Cornerstone Hospice 2445 Lane park Rd, Tavares, FL.

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