



Dorothy May Pascazi

January 12, 1933 - July 15, 2025

Dorothy May Pascazi, age 92, of Rolla, Missouri, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2025. She was born on January 12, 1933, in Malden, Missouri, to John Crook and Charleen Qualls Crook.

Dorothy spent her early years in Missouri's Bootheel on land granted to her family by President Abraham Lincoln. She grew up picking cotton and enjoying the beauty of the Ozarks, a love that stayed with her throughout her life. After graduating high school, she attended Secretarial School and began her professional career working for the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover.

It was at a USO event that she met the love of her life, Donald R. Pascazi. The two were united in marriage on October 4, 1952, beginning a journey that would take them across the country and around the world during Donald's military service. Dorothy embraced the life of a military spouse, living in various places including Germany, Scott Air Force Base in Mascoutah, Illinois, and Quito, Ecuador. While in Ecuador, they adopted their beloved daughter, Terry.

Following their time in the service, the Pascazi family returned to Missouri, living in Florissant, Kansas City, and the Branson area before settling in Rolla to be near quality medical care and Fort Leonard Wood. Dorothy created a warm and loving home wherever she went. In Rolla, she spent her later years enjoying quilting and fishing - simple pleasures that reflected her deep appreciation for nature and family.

Dorothy was committed in her faith and attended the Salem Lutheran Church

until she was physically unable. She trusted in the Lord all her life.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Terry Bruno and husband Ray of Lenox, Missouri; her sister, Mary Ann McLemore of Dexter, Missouri; and her grandchildren: Jennifer Moody (Clay), Sarah Neely (Brett), Clayton Bruno, Riley Pascazi, Daniel Pascazi, and James Pascazi. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren: Cayleigh Marti (Sean), Cayden Moody, William King, Michael King (Natalie), Patrick Fitzsimmons, Mariah Neely, and Hannah Neely, and her great-great-grandson, Fletcher King.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald R. Pascazi; her daughter, Ellen Joy Pascazi; granddaughter, Rachel Erickson; her sisters, Joan Mayberry, and Glenda Wilson; and her brother, Richard Crook.

Dorothy will be remembered for her resilience, adventurous spirit, devotion to her family, and the love she shared so generously with those around her.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Waynesville

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Though meet Dorothy in the later part of her life, she was a women who loved God, her family, her dog and her coffee. She always had a ready smile for anyone. She was a joy to be around even when she wasn't her bestl. She was feisty even when she wasn't feeling the best. Thank you, Ms. Dorothy, for all the wonderful memories.
Angel B.

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