



# **Dorothy Duncan Tabone**

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**D**orothy Louise “Dot” (Nolen) Duncan Tabone, 91, of Mount Dora, passed away on May 8, 2015 at Cornerstone Hospice in Tavares, Florida, following a brief illness. Dot was born in Alamo, Tennessee and married Melvel Duncan in 1949. She was an avid gardener and president of the Brookville Garden Club for many years. As a member of the local chapter of the AHRC, a charitable organization serving disabled adults, she organized fund raisers, a favorite being The Casino Night. Dot was a gourmet cook who was a master at combining herbs, exotic spices and edible flowers to craft meals that only she could create. She was a hostess extraordinaire, beyond compare. Dot played golf, loved to dance, travel, and attend gala events. Over her life she traveled extensively and lived in Saint Louis, Kansas City, MO, Long Island, NY, Atlanta, GA, Tokyo, Japan, Vienna, Austria, Hilton Head, SC, Pine River, MN, Eustis and Mt Dora, FL.

In 2003 she met the second love of her life, Anthony “Tony” Tabone of Mount Dora. They were married for 11 blissful years. Dot and Tony enjoyed going on cruises, sharing time together, and socializing with friends at Waterman Village. She spent many special times with Tony’s family of 6 children, 23 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren. She loved them all dearly as they did her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grace and Lex Nolen and beloved husband of 53 years, Melvel. Dorothy is survived by the second love of her life and husband of 11 years, Anthony Tabone of Mount Dora; brother, James Nolen, Alamo, Tennessee; children: Bradley (Tracy) Duncan of Madison, Wisconsin; Mylah Duncan of Phoenix, Arizona; and grand daughter Emily Duncan, Madison, Wisconsin. She is also survived by Tony’s children Stephen (Angela) Tabone of Washington, D.C., Helen Tabone of Lawrence, KS, Anne (Jerry) Nardone of Merrick, NY, Therese Tabone of Mount Dora, FL, Toni (Patrick) Kinnel of Pensacola, FL, Christopher (Suzanne) Tabone of Brattleboro, VT, and Joseph (Laura) Tabone of Toms River, NJ



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as well as 23 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

A special thanks to the time and devotion of Terry Tabone, a step daughter-in-law, friend, companion and “girl Friday.” She provided Dot with invaluable assistance with day to day affairs and logistics over the past decade. We express deep gratitude and appreciation to the staff at Cornerstone Hospice, Tavares who provided tender care to both Dot and her family during the last week of her life. A memorial service will be held for her in Pine River, MN where she will be laid to rest with her husband Mel. She was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her name to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd, Tavares, FL 32778 or New Vision for Independence, 9501 US Hwy 441, Leesburg, FL 34788.



## Tribute Wall

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BS

**Bill Shannon** posted:

Dear Tony, When Tham and I had a wonderful dinner with you and Dot at the Waterman Village bistro just a couple of weeks before her passing, we were so pleased to see you both, and are now so shocked that Dot would pass so suddenly. She seemed her usual ebullient self that evening. Tham did her hair for fifteen years, and they shared so many "family" stories. Tham says that Dot was like a second Mother to her. I only met Dot six years ago, when I came into Tham's life. We were so pleased that you and she came to our wedding. Tham says that she invited only three of her customers. Dot was truly one of her very favorites. I remember all the jokes she forwarded by email. There were some really good ones, and some raunchy ones. Dot had a great sense of humor. She was a warm, and very classy lady, and a credit to the Irish. We are both sad that she is gone, but will cherish her memory forever. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you. Sincerely, Bill and Tham Shannon

June 3 at 7:41 AM

JN

**Jimmy Nolen** posted:

From Jimmy Nolen, Dot's brother. Thanks to all the wonderful people at Waterman Village for making Dot's life so happy. She loved you all. We will miss seeing you. Tony thanks for coming into Dot's life and making it so wonderful and complete. what a lovely family you have. We love you all.

May 11 at 4:58 AM

JB

**Jacquie Bollinger** posted:

Dot enriched everyone's life that she came in contact with. She volunteered for me at the FL Hosp. Cancer Institute Waterman. She was so considerate and caring of the cancer patients . . . and she was very caring for me after my husband died suddenly at the age of 55. She was so thoughtful, and loving to me, having me over to her home, taking me to dinner at Waterman Village with her and her husband and another couple. She was a very, very special lady! My life was more blessed from knowing her! May the Holy Spirit wrap the hearts of the family with the peace only He can give at this difficult time.

May 10 at 9:03 PM



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**Anne Macinnis** posted:

My condolences, Mylah & Brad, and to Dot's husband Tony as well, and to all who knew and loved Dot. I remember her as a sweet and kind woman who loved to garden and to golf. I have chills at the fact that I even stumbled across this obituary just two days after her passing - it seems that I was meant to know this; I was searching for an address for Mylah. All my love. Anne (Schibowski) MacInnis

May 10 at 1:59 PM

EK

**Elyse & George King** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We were blessed to have had Dot and Mel as friends & neighbors when they moved to Lake Joanna. She was a charming lady with refined grace. We have fond memory for our recent evening spent with Dot & Tony at the Bistro. Dot accompanied Elyse a few days later on a personal chore. Never thought these would be our last encounter. Our lives were enriched knowing Dot & she will be missed. As Christians we find comfort in God's Promise at the Resurrection we will see our loved ones in Perfection.



May 10 at 4:40 AM

LT

**Larry Tassie** posted:

I am saddened by Dot's passing. She and Mel were close friends in Vienna, Austria, where we spent many, many hours together in travels, swimming in their home pool and just "going" to a new place for special wine and Austrian specialties. We visited them in Hilton Head, and the warmth and friendships were as wonderful as ever. Many thanks for letting me know. My wife, Jewel, died 6 years ago, or she would be in tears too. I send her condolences with mine, just the same. Larry Tassie

May 9 at 6:06 PM

TO

**Toni** posted:

Beautiful obituary talking about a beautiful woman- she will be missed.

May 9 at 3:21 PM



## Media

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