



Dorothy Smith Jack

June 29, 1924 - September 11, 2025

Funeral services for Dorothy Smith Jack, age 101 of Hideaway, Texas will be held in a private gathering at a family retreat which she cherished in the town of Eldora, Colorado.

Dorothy passed away Thursday, September 11th at her longtime home on Hide-a-Way Lake just outside of Lindale TX. She was born on June 29th, 1924 as Dorothy Jeanne Council in Dallas, Texas to her late parents Annie Katherine Smith and Ernest G. Council. She grew up in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas and graduated from Sunset High School class of 1941.

She was preceded in death by her first husband David W. Smith Jr., her second husband John Jack and her loving siblings William who died in WWII, Sarah Goode of College Station and Barbara Holloway of Dallas, and her grandson David Michael Smith-Jory.

Dorothy and David lived many places beginning with married student housing at UT Austin, settling back in Dallas after the war. In Dallas, Dorothy and David began their family and David launched his career with Mobil Oil. They were transferred three times with homes in Fairfield CT, Beaumont TX and Yardley PA. In 1987 they retired to their home here in Hideaway.

Many years after David's death, Dorothy was reintroduced to John Jack,

rekindling an old friendship (he had proposed when they were in High School) when they both attended the 50th Sunset High School reunion. It turns out Dorothy's sister Barbara had a hand in this wonderful reconnection. At the age of 80, Dorothy and John Jack were married and had many happy years together.

Over the years, Dorothy was an amazing mom and grandmother. She was a voracious consumer of mostly non-fiction books and was incredibly knowledgeable and full of worldly advice. She was an avid square dancer who taught many couples the enjoyment of dancing. She was a wickedly sharp bridge player and she could skin anyone in a game of Gin. She was a certified master gardener. She was a founding member of the Hideaway Lakettes line dancers. And, she was a long time volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Dorothy is survived by her children William and wife Debbie of Denver, David of Denver, Mark of Austin, Shannon of Las Vegas NM, and Bennett and wife Jennifer of Charlotte, her stepson Charlie Jack of Hideaway, grandchildren Zach, Hanna, Riley, Jasper, Duncan and Bryson, and great grandchildren Royce, Maxwell, Thomas and Kieran.

Dorothy was blessed with many friends throughout her years at Hideaway, though she has now outlived most of them having now set the extended families' longevity record at 101 years of age. Our family is especially grateful for the loving friendship and care she received in her final years and last days. Love and warmth go to Genifer and Codella and Beth. God bless you.

As Dorothy and John and David were all long time members of the Hideaway Lake Community Church, we ask that any remeberences, flowers or contributions be donated to the church.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Dottie when my daughter Jennifer married her youngest child, Bennett. We had such a fun time together, welcoming Ben and Jenny’s first child, Jasper. We had a vineyard in California and she and John came for dinner and more fun was had!! She was a special friend, a lovely lady and so warm and friendly. I’m sorry I didn’t get to see her in these final years but she was a blessing to know. She will be missed. Carol and Marty Meeker

Carol Meeker - September 15, 2025 at 10:34 PM

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“ We have known Dottie for thirty seven years and next door neighbors since 2004. What a blessing to have had her in our lives! We had many fun times together over the years and those are memories we will always cherish. Precious friend, may you rest in peace. We love you very much!
Bonnie & Conrad

Bonnie Leissler - September 13, 2025 at 12:55 PM

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“ I remember sweet Dorothy as a kind sweet lady. Years ago we did morning exercise with Betty Lou, also square dancing . A beautiful soul. Rest in Peace. Joan Mullen

Joan Margaret Mullen - September 13, 2025 at 08:40 AM