



Dottie E Branch

May 20, 1932 - April 27, 2026

Dottie Branch, of Brightview, Mt. Laurel, formerly of Hearthstone at Woodfield, Pemberton, NJ, passed peacefully on April 27th, 2026, at the age of 93.

The widow of Commander Nathan E. (Bill) Branch, USSN Retired, Dottie is survived by her daughter Anne Branch of Pemberton, NJ, her grandson, Paul John Diano (Suzanne), of Westlake Village, California and three great-grandsons, Brock, Cale and Blake.

A native of the hill country of North Carolina, Dottie, the youngest of five children born to Hardy Joseph Jones and Mildred Wilkins Jones, was married in 1948. Her life as the wife of a serviceman saw her pack and move the family frequently as Bill attended Navy schools or was stationed at sea for months at a time. No matter how often the Branch family relocated, Dottie quickly gained the respect of her fellow service wives. Never one to complain or express regret about the frequency of the family's moves, she volunteered with various organizations, hosted teas, created menus and helped new arrivals learn their ways around and feel at home in their new surroundings. Among the various organizations to which she dedicated her time, Dottie was an active member of the Gray Ladies, a group of Navy Relief volunteers who provided friendly, personal, non-medical services to sick, injured or disabled patients.

After Bill retired, the Branches eventually settled in Medford, NJ where they lived for 25 years before moving to Pemberton in 2004.

Members of her family and close friends recall Dottie's enthusiasm for

cooking, and her resolve to maintain a safe weight. Recipes were altered to contain healthier ingredients and the ever-present treadmill that resided in her basement kept Dottie trim even into her later years. Throughout her life, she became adept at household chores, learning how to maintain and repair items needing attention, lessons she absorbed while Bill advanced his career in the U.S Navy.

When Dottie wasn't welcoming neighbors for regular visits, she was a voracious reader, often completing multiple books in a week. She delighted in exchanging bags of books with her neighbors, almost all genres counting among her selections.

In 2023, when her vision began to deteriorate and she could no longer maintain the home she loved, Dottie moved to an assisted living facility in Mt. Laurel, where her kindness and unfailing sense of humor made her a favorite among staff and residents.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Dottie's friends and fellow residents of Hearthstone at Woodfield on May 21st.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Received

MAY 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Memorial Service

MAY 21. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel at BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery
350 Provinceline Rd
North Hanover Township, NJ