



Dorothy Ann Custer

September 25, 1961 - September 1, 2024

Dorothy Ann Custer (nee Sawicki), 62, of Cinnaminson and Wildwood Crest, passed away peacefully at her home on September 1, 2024, following a courageous 10-year battle with cancer.

Affectionately known as Dot to those who knew and loved her, she was born in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ to the late Carl and Jacqueline (nee Rusin) Sawicki.

In 1979, Dot graduated from Riverside High School, where she made lifelong friends (including her “60’s Sisters” Cathy, Gina, Cathy, and Gerri) and she received the prestigious “Miss White” School Spirit Award in her senior year. After high school, she was an Administrative Assistant in the Social Services Department at Zurbrugg Memorial / Rancocas Valley Hospitals, where she worked for 15 years before transitioning into her favorite and most rewarding role as homemaker for her family.

Dot was the beloved wife and best friend of Charles John “Bud” Custer for 40 years. In addition to enjoying many wonderful years together on the beaches of Wildwood Crest and traveling to tropical destinations in the Caribbean and Hawaii, the two also loved spending time with family and friends.

She was the devoted mother of Charles John “Buddy” Custer Jr. (Alexandra)

and Christopher Joseph Custer (Marissa); and proud “GiGi” of her cherished grandchildren, Quinn and Connor — each of whom brought her great joy. When Dot’s third grandchild is born in October, she will be smiling down from heaven with additional joy.

Dot very much loved her entire family and was the dear sister of Barbara Likes (Christopher), Kathleen Hastick, and Michael Datzko; daughter-in-law of Frances Custer; sister-in-law of Kathleen Valeriano (Thomas), Ronald Custer (Katherine), Lynda Roberts (William) and Diane Keenan; beloved aunt of Nina Thompson (Jay), Ashley Likes, Brian Likes, Patrick Keenan, Renee Roberts, Stephanie Roberts, Alyssa Valeriano (Dylan); and great aunt of Hannah, Jay, Parker, and Logan. She is also survived by many extended family members and friends who will miss her.

In addition to her parents, Dot was predeceased by her grandparents, Joe and Mary Rusin, and her Aunt Jean Tedesco (nee Rusin), whom she loved and cared for until their last days; and also her husband’s father, Charles (Bud) Custer.

Relatives and friends are invited to a gathering in Dot’s honor at Givnish of Cinnaminson, 1200 Route 130 North, on Friday, September 20th, from 10:00 AM to 12 noon; with a Memorial Service immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dot’s memory may be made to: The Breast Cancer Foundation, <http://give.bcrf.org>; Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice, <https://www.samaritannj.org/giving/donate-now/> ; or The Humanity Preservation Foundation, <https://humanitypreservationfoundation.org/support-hpf/>.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson
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Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I can't believe it's coming up on 1 year since you went to heaven. I think of you often my friend. You are forever in my heart Dot.



Barbara Stein - August 29, 2025 at 05:21 PM

PI

“ Dot was a good friend when we both worked at the bank of Beverly after High School. She lived in Riverside with her Grandmother and shortly there after Grandmom passed away. After that Dot and I spent our time together and holidays at my house in Cinnaminson. We had great times. My dad had a real restored bar in our basement that all of us girls had many memories being young. Then Dot met Buddy and we all drifted as we all met our futures. I can say that Dot is an integral part of my younger years and still cherish our conversations and friendship. God has another wonderful soul that has impacted many lives. God bless you all.

peggy quinn itinger - September 20, 2024 at 10:47 PM

BC

Thanks Peggy, I do remember you and those early years. Dot was always very fond of you! Take care, and yes, I think God needed a new Angel trainer and he gave that position to Dot when she arrived in Heaven! 🙏❤️☐☐

Bud Custer - September 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM

BL

“Dot brought so much love and laughter to our family. Her warmth and kindness will live on in the memories we hold dear. She was always there with a smile and a kind word, making every gathering brighter. Her strength and grace during difficult times set an example for all of us to follow. We'll miss her presence, but her spirit will remain with us always. Our hearts are with the family, and we will continue to cherish the moments we shared with her. Love always, Bryan Likes and Rachel Long.

Bryan Likes - September 19, 2024 at 10:55 AM



Very well put Bryan and Rachel.. Memories are where its at buddy boy. Cherish is what we do . Love always. Dad, Mom and Ashlee

Chris Likes - June 27, 2025 at 11:07 PM

RS

“Rosa and Robert Schwartz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy Ann Custer.



Rosa and Robert Schwartz - September 18, 2024 at 08:20 AM

DH

“I will never forget meeting Dot outside for the first time in Wildwood Crest. She was such a warm, kind and thoughtful friend. Thinking of you all. God bless. Love, Devin TJ Tommy Sam and Teagan (and the dogs)

Devin Hildebrand - September 17, 2024 at 05:01 PM

PB

“ We will miss Dot, who was a beautiful woman inside and out. Thinking of Bud, Buddy and Christopher and keeping them in my prayers. Patti (Fallon) and Tom Byrne

Patti Byrne - September 12, 2024 at 06:10 PM

CL

“ Dot was always an important part to the family. She will always be remembered from the many fine memories. Dot and the entire family will be in our prayers always. God bless. Chris, Barbara and Ashlee Likes

Chris Likes - September 08, 2024 at 01:56 PM

SD

“ I extend my sincere condolences to the Custer family during this difficult time. I was saddened to hear the news, as it is never easy to lose someone that you love. May our Lord comfort the family as they process their grief and know that you have a beautiful Angel in heaven watching over you always!! I will keep your family in prayer. Sincerely,

Sharon Dickerson

Sharon Dickerson - September 07, 2024 at 01:30 PM

PS

“ Paul DePaoli and Jessica Secreta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ann Custer.

Paul DePaoli and Jessica Secreta - September 06, 2024 at 01:28 PM

PS

“ *Paul DePaoli and Jessica Secreta purchased the Divine Light for the family of Dorothy Ann Custer.*



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PS

“ *May she rest in Gods peace. 1Love. Pat & Amy Sullivan and the girls*

Patrick Sullivan - September 05, 2024 at 07:29 AM

BS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Bud, Buddy, Christopher, Cloey and all the family. Dot was a wonderful friend, and she will be dearly missed. Rest in peace my friend. Much Love. Barbara*

Barbara A. Stein - September 05, 2024 at 06:12 AM