



## Dorothy Ellen Williams

July 27, 1940 - December 15, 2023

Dr. Dorothy “Dotty” Williams passed away peacefully at the age of 83 on Friday, December 15, 2023, after an extended illness. Dotty was a long-time educator who served as a teacher, coach, professor, school administrator, and district administrator for 44 years. During her distinguished career, Dotty served as the first woman Assistant Athletic Director in the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) and was the first secondary administrator to serve as a Principal Appraiser in the same district. In addition, she held positions as principal for 2 middle schools in the district as well as Highlands High School. Prior to her work with SAISD Dotty was a teacher and coach in Harlandale ISD. As a life-long learner and educational leader, Dotty was also a proud graduate of Texas Women’s University and an active Texas A&M University former student.

After retirement from SAISD Dotty devoted her time to Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) where she began her service as an adjunct professor and went on to serve as the Chair of the Education Department.

Among the many recognitions she received over the course of her career are Outstanding Sportswoman of the Year (Express-News); Woman of the Year (3 times) at the Southeast Business and Professional Women’s Club; and she was inducted into the SAISD Sports Hall of Fame – Class of 2016.

After retiring from OLLU, she devoted the bulk of her time to community

service through the rotary club, other community organizations, and her church family at Epworth United Methodist Church.

Dotty Williams is preceded in death by her mother, Josephine Williams, father Harry Williams and devoted friend, Ruby Lee McPherson. She is survived by lifelong devoted friends including Jocelyn and Jimmie Eckerman; Cassie Eckerman and Thomas Wall; Cheryl and John Spears; John and Lindsey Spears; Taylor, Gavin, and Grayson Spears; Valerie Clark, Rick Clark, and Megan Lamping; Dominic and Derek Rameriz; Scarlett and Jeremy Lamping, Jr.; and Vicki Johnson.

"If you wish to honor Dotty with a memorial gift, please do so with a donation to Epworth United Methodist Church (5718 Pecan Valley Dr. SAT. 78223) or any charity of your choice."

# Previous Events

## Gathering

DEC 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Memorial Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ On behalf of the Members of the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. Dorothy E. Williams. Dorothy was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in 1995 and she was a Servant Leader.

*Loving Savior, thank you for sharing Dorothy's life with us.*

*God Bless, SAWHOF Members*

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**Lark Angela Ford** - January 23, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen Williams.*



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December 28, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen Williams.*



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December 28, 2023 at 03:05 AM

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“ *Dottie gave me my first teaching and coaching job. She hired me from San Diego Ca and kept an eye on me. A wonderful woman, mentor and athletic director 🙏🙏*

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**vicki Hallman** - December 24, 2023 at 11:17 PM

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“ *We had so many fun-filled adventures with Dottie over the years and are so grateful that she adopted us as her family. She was an inspiration to all of us and a force of nature. She will be greatly missed. We love you, Dottie. Jo, Jim, and Cassie Eckerman*

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**Jo Eckerman** - December 21, 2023 at 01:30 PM