



Dorothy Ganze

June 17, 1930 - July 20, 2024

Dorothy Linell Minatra Ganze left her earthly home to be with the Lord on July 20, 2024. She was born on June 17, 1930, to Odie James Minatra and Effie Elnor Anderson Minatra in Rural Shade. Dorothy attended grade school in Rural Shade and Mildred before going to high school in Dawson. She married Daniel Calvin "Cab" Ganze on November 1, 1947. They made their home in the Pursley Community, where they raised their family of four: Dianne, Brenda, Randy, and Sherry. Dorothy attended nursing school and worked at the Navarro Clinic, the hospital, and eventually at the Medical Arts Clinic as Dr. Charles Biltz's nurse until her retirement in 1994. Dorothy accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior as a young girl in Rural Shade. She was a long-time member of Pursley Missionary Baptist Church, devoting her time and service as a Sunday school teacher and a VBS volunteer.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 61 years, Calvin Ganze, her sister Margaret Green Butler, her brothers Billy Minatra and James Minatra, her son Randy Ganze and his wife Susie Ganze, and sons-in-law Bonner French and Ray Summers. She is survived by her daughters Dianne Summers, Brenda Parrish and husband Charlie, and Sherry Kelley; her sister-in-law Mary Minatra Robinson; and many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was affectionately known as Meme to her grandchildren: Kristie Melton and husband Keith, Melanie Dotson, Jennifer Parrish, Daniel Kelley and wife Rhonda, Jeffery Ganze and wife Britni, Bryan Kelley and wife Katie, Kyle Parrish and wife Meagan, Dustin Ganze and wife Ashlea, and

Mark Kelley and wife Lauren. Her great-grandchildren include Hunter Melton and wife Katie, Lane Dotson, Logan Gayle and husband Gentry, Luke Dotson and fiancée Caitlin Prince, Bryce Kelley, Daxton Ganze, Leighton Kelley, Ryder Kelley, Avery Ganze, Riley Ganze, and Saige Kelley. She also leaves behind great-great-grandchildren Hayes Melton, Karter Melton, Kimber Gayle, and Kamden Melton, along with many nieces, nephews, and cherished friends. Dorothy was incredibly proud of her family and treasured the moments when five generations could gather together in one place over the past few years before her passing.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 24th from 5:30 - 7:30pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00am Thursday, July 25th at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Chet Brake and Bro. William Dollar officiating.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons & great grandsons, Daniel Kelley, Jeffrey Ganze, Bryan Kelley, Kyle Parrish, Dustin Ganze and Mark Kelley. Honorary Pallbearers Keith Melton, Hunter Melton, Lane Dotson, Luke Dotson, Bryce Kelley, Daxton Ganze, Ryder Kelley and Gentry Gayle.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pursley Missionary Baptist Church 8120 FM-642 Purdon, Texas 76679.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 24. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
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Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
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Celebration of Life

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

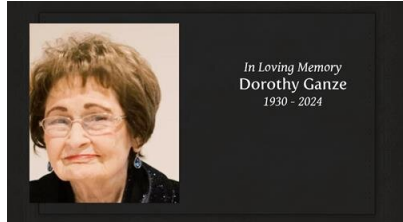
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Tribute Wall



“ *Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Ganze*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 23, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ *Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy Ganze*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 23, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Sherry Kelley and family in the passing of lovely Dorothy. May you find peace and comfort in the life that she lived and the example she set for all of you as a family. How wonderful that she is now with our Lord and Savior.*



Noel N Templer - July 24, 2024 at 02:24 PM

MS

“ Mickey and Anetia Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Ganze.



Mickey and Anetia Smith - July 24, 2024 at 12:36 AM

MS

“ Mickey and Anetia Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ganze.

Mickey and Anetia Smith - July 24, 2024 at 12:36 AM

BF

“ Betty Jenkin & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ganze.

Betty Jenkin & family - July 23, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ganze.



July 23, 2024 at 04:09 PM

HK

“ Hunter, Katie, Hayes, Karter and Kamden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ganze.

Hunter, Katie, Hayes, Karter and Kamden - July 23, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ganze.



July 23, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ The Gayle Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ganze.

The Gayle Family - July 23, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ Cheryl Minatra lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ganze



Cheryl Minatra - July 23, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ Dorothy was a beautiful woman inside and out. She always had a smile, and I will always remember her laugh. She is going to be missed by so many. My deepest condolences to all the family.
Cheryl Minatra

Cheryl Minatra - July 23, 2024 at 01:10 PM

CM

“ Dorothy was one of the sweetest ladies! My condolences to Diane, Brenda, and Sherry. I enjoyed working with your mom at MAC. Prayers for your families.

Cathy Miller - July 23, 2024 at 11:50 AM

JG

“ I loved Dorothy so much. She always looked like she stepped out of a fashion magazine! She was so very sweet to me. I will miss her, but I know she is in Heaven dressed to the 9's in the prettiest outfit they have!

Jody Garland - July 23, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ganze.



July 23, 2024 at 09:47 AM

SF

“ Sam and Nancy Ramsey and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ganze.

Sam and Nancy Ramsey and Family - July 23, 2024 at 09:47 AM

SU

“ May your memories of your mother bring you comfort and peace. She will always be with you in spirit

Susan - July 23, 2024 at 08:55 AM

SM

“ Susan & Jacky Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Ganze



Susan & Jacky Mitchell - July 23, 2024 at 08:54 AM

SM

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Susan & Jacky Mitchell - July 23, 2024 at 08:53 AM

PW

“ Sweet sweet lady... you will be so missed. With a family this large, she seemed to always be there for everyone. I love this family so very much. Prayers for all... Love, Pamela

Pamela Wolbeck - July 23, 2024 at 07:58 AM

AB

“ Meme was such a sweet soul. She was loved by all who knew her and will be missed by us all. Many prayers for her family and friends 🙏❤️🙏🎁

Arline Bell - July 22, 2024 at 09:16 PM

LH

“ Lisa Hoppe lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ganze



Lisa Hoppe - July 22, 2024 at 08:16 PM

BJ

“ Some of my fondest memories are of spending good times with Dorothy and her girls. What fun and great memories we share. Dorothy was such a loving caring person who always made me feel loved when I saw her. My life has been blessed by having her in my life. I send my love and sympathy to her family.

Beth Humbert Jackson - July 22, 2024 at 07:23 PM