



Dorothy Connelly
1/30/1926 to 2/1/2022

Dorothy was born in Devils Lake, North Dakota, and lived in Minot, Grand Forks and Fargo, ND, and Lewistown, Missoula and Great Falls, Montana, graduating with a BS from Great Falls College. She went on for two years training in medical technology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. She returned to Great Falls to work in a clinic and soon met her husband to be - Thomas J. (Jim) Connelly - waiting for the bus. He had served in the Navy, gotten a college degree and his first job as a mechanical engineer. They were married in 1952, and his job took them to Canyon Ferry Dam, MT, Crested Butte and Grand Junction, CO and finally California where he became director of engineering for Del Monte Canning Co.

They had four sons and five grandchildren. Jim died in July 2014. They lived in Santa Clara before moving to Cupertino more than 40 years ago. After her boys were in school, Dorothy went to work for Lockheed in the Benefits department. She had taken piano lessons since age eight, and became the church organist at St. Joseph of Cupertino. She also enjoyed a piano class at the Santa Clara Adult Education Center.

Her interest in genealogy led her to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She joined her husband and sons in skiing, but she didn't go on many of their backpacking and camping trips, nor on their 28 foot sailboat. Her favorite trips were to Ireland and Germany, to look up relatives. When she moved to SRC in August, her beloved golden retriever went to live with her son and his family in Ben Lomond, and her grand piano went to Seattle to another son. Her apartment walls are graced by paintings done by her husband, who took up art after he retired.