



Dorothy Ann Gemmill King

July 12, 1947 - September 9, 2025

Dorothy “Dottie” Ann Gemmill King, 78, of Marietta, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at her home, surrounded by family. She will be remembered for her warm inviting personality, cheerfulness, unwavering positivity, humor, and her contagious smile that would lift spirits and inspire joy.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Dr. Fitzwilliam W. King, MD; daughter Jennifer Jenkins (former teacher) and her husband Joey; son Fitzwilliam King Jr. (airline captain) and his wife Tamara; son Craig King (musician/artist) and his wife Anneka; and five grandchildren.

Born in Chambersburg, PA, Dottie was the daughter of the late Melvin Harvey and Dorothy Mayfield Gemmill and little sister of the late Melvin Gemmill. At Chambersburg High School she was on the swim team, specializing in the breast-stroke, and continued to be an avid swimmer throughout her life. She trained as a nurse at Polyclinic Hospital in Harrisburg, PA, then worked as an RN at Chambersburg Hospital and later as one of the first cardiovascular intensive care unit (CVICU) nurses at Hershey Medical Center Hospital. She first met Fitz in the break room at Hershey Hospital, instantly making a connection. On their first date, Fitz took her flying in a Piper Cherokee 140 over picturesque Hershey, PA. They married in 1972 and moved to SC where Fitz started his medical practice and Dottie worked as a homemaker, mother,

and became an active member of her church.

The daughter of a rendering artist, Dottie was also methodically precise and imaginative in her creative projects, evident in her beautiful embroidery, cross-stitch, sewing, decorating, card-making, photo albums, gardening, her consistently wonderful cooking, and expressive cursive writing; she even provided the entire stitching on a Piper Cub airplane wing.

After several challenging years following a pulmonary fibrosis diagnosis, she eventually succumbed, with her characteristic grace and cheerfulness. Despite her long and difficult battle, she always showed inspiring strength, optimism, and positivity, stemming from her deep Christian faith and typical of her warm, glowing spirit.

Dottie devoted herself to her family and her faith. To her children and many others, she was an ideal example of character, virtue, kindness, patience, and positivity. We are most fortunate, and she will be loved and missed.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 16th at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC.

There will be a Private Family Burial at M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery.

The family will be at their respective home.

Memorials may be made to Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC.

Cemetery Details

M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery

140 Inway Drive
Anderson, SC 29621

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Second Presbyterian Church
105 River St.
Greenville, SC 29601

Tribute Wall



“ so sorry for your loss

Frances J Pace (Frankie) - September 18, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. What a lovely lady.
Sincerely, Patsy Renaker



Patsy Renaker - September 15, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ From Casey Smith & Angeli Leal-Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ann Gemmill King.

From Casey Smith & Angeli Leal-Smith - September 15, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ From Casey Smith & Angeli Leal-Smith purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy Ann Gemmill King.



From Casey Smith & Angeli Leal-Smith - September 15, 2025 at 02:15 PM

BK

“ *Uncle Fitz and family,*

We were so saddened by the news of Aunt Dottie. She was such a beautiful person and it is comforting to know that she has joined the Angels in Heaven and will rest with Jesus for eternity.

We are sorry that we could not be there with you during this difficult time. Please know that we are thinking of you all and praying that God will give you his peace and comfort.

*Love
Dave and Belinda*

Belinda King - September 15, 2025 at 10:16 AM

LB

“ *Love Dave and Belinda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Ann Gemmill King.*



Love Dave and Belinda - September 15, 2025 at 09:56 AM

RB

“ *Robbie, Megan, Tristan, and Brooklyn purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dorothy Ann Gemmill King.*



Robbie, Megan, Tristan, and Brooklyn - September 15, 2025 at 08:28 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Baker lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann King*



Brenda Baker - September 14, 2025 at 04:57 AM

JC

“ *Janet Chandler lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann King*



Janet Chandler - September 13, 2025 at 08:04 PM

DV

“ *SO sorry for your loss . Know that you are in my prayers. Della Vaughn*

Della Vaughn - September 12, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Gemmill King.*



September 11, 2025 at 08:22 PM

KR

“ Karen E. Robertson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann King



Karen E. Robertson - September 11, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Ann Gemmill King.

September 11, 2025 at 06:12 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Gemmill King.



September 11, 2025 at 06:12 AM

LE

“ Lesha lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann King



Lesha - September 10, 2025 at 08:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Gemmill King.



September 10, 2025 at 04:13 PM