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Dolores Marie Goldthwaite was born on February 12, 1932, to Albert and Oleva Goldthwaite in Ravenswood Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. She grew up in the suburbs of Park Ridge and Arlington Heights, Illinois. Dolores became an accomplished piano player during that time and accompanied school choirs in many performances.

Dolores chose the University of Colorado for her higher education and received the Bachelor of Arts in 1954. She was prepared for teaching in the fields of history and social studies. However, Dolores was attracted to the field of Christian education and attended McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, for that specialty preparation, obtaining a Master of Arts in 1956.

Dolores (also known by the nickname Dodie) met Ronald D. Martell, a ministry student at McCormick and they married. They were called to serve The First Presbyterian Church at Elkhart, Indiana and they did so for 14 years. Besides being mother to three children: Daniel, Paul, and Laura, Dodie gave her teaching skills to the church and the YWCA.

Dodie later moved to Pittsburgh and became Director of the South Area

Y.W.C.A. of greater Pittsburgh and then Executive Director of the Washington, PA Y.W.C.A. During this time, the Y.W.C.A.'s major focus was "to eliminate racism by any means necessary," an objective Dodie heartily supported.

Dodie then became Executive Director of Crossroads Programs, Inc., Mt. Holly, NJ, an agency working with abused, abandoned, and homeless teenagers. She led the agency from being in debt to building a million-dollar budget for ever-expanding services for these teens. The special services for homeless pregnant teens received national attention for its uniqueness.

Dodie loved being a grandmother to Christian and Charlie Boinske, children of Laura (her daughter) and Charles Phillip Boinske. She was also grandmother to Katie and Sarah Martell, children of Daniel (her son) and Christine Martell. Her life was enriched by sharing with a lifelong friend, Olive Rich, whom her children called their "bonus."

Dolores has been preceded in death by her parents, Oleva and Albert Goldthwaite, and her brother, Albert (Bert), Jr. She is survived by her children, Daniel, Paul and Laura; grandchildren Christian, Charlie, Katie, and Sarah; nephews Jonathan and Matthew; and special friend, Olive.

A memorial service will be held at the Chapel of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church on Saturday February 11th, at 11am, with a reception following in congregational hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Fine Arts Program, especially music, and/or to The Crossroads Programs, 610 Beverly-Rancocas Road, Willingboro, NJ 08046.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am thankful for Dodie's remarkable life and warm friendship. I met Dodie at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. We found we shared a love of God, music, Mexican food and football. I admired Dodie's faith, intelligence, compassion and sense of humor. I will miss her very much. Condolences to Dodie's family and Olive. Martha Hitchins*

Martha Hitchins - January 15, 2023 at 11:29 AM