

DOROTHY MAGUIRE

Dottie, as she was known to her friends, was born Dorothy Morris in Spokane, WA. When she was 9, her family moved to Southern California where her father became a key grip in the film industry and her mother played piano accompaniment for the silent movies. Dottie was a natural dancer, winning a talent contest at the studio where her father worked, and was invited to join the Meglin Kiddies, the troupe where Judy Garland, Shirley Temple and others got their start. Her father had seen enough of what could happen to young, naïve girls, however, and cut short her dance career before it began.

After several jobs, including working in a Reno Bingo parlor – a great paying job for a young girl in those days that led to her many bingo wins on Channel 6! – Dottie went to work for Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica soon after the start of World War II. She had many positions over the years – starting as receptionist and internal radio announcer, which gave her the opportunity to meet Charles Lindbergh and broadcast the news that the war had ended – to her final classification as a mathematician on the Saturn project over 20 years later.

Along the way, she met and married Bill Hutchinson who became Santa Monica's Chief of Police, entering a social world where she met, entertained, and became friends with many political and entertainment celebrities, and helped raise funds to support local charities. After her husband's death in 1963, she continued working and raising their daughter until she met and married Charlie Faull, a Chief Engineer at Douglas.

In 1970, Charlie took early retirement and they moved to the growing community of Leisure World. Here Dottie began



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a life filled with the many activities that her new home offered. She finally was able to indulge her love of dancing – joining the American Ballroom Dance Club, the Classic Cloggers and, most notably, founding the Luau Leilani, a Hawaiian dance troupe which she led for over 15 years: performing, designing and sewing the costumes, and handling publicity and choreography for these popular performers. She also found time to tend her award winning garden and can her homemade raspberry jam (never enough though, according to the many appreciative recipients). She also founded and served as President of the Creative Crafts Club and started their aluminum can recycling program. Continuing her lifelong involvement in charitable fundraising, she and the club members contributed tens of thousands of dollars to Guide Dogs of America through recycling and craft sales, an accomplishment that led to Dottie's being honored as Leisure Worlorder of the Month in November of 1993.

Although Charlie, too, passed away, Dottie found love again a decade later and married Jim Maguire, another Leisure World resident. After less than five years of marriage, however, he too was taken from her and Dottie's health,

already impaired by rheumatoid arthritis, began a steady decline that led to numerous falls and finally a broken hip. Despite successful surgery, pneumonia set in and she passed away peacefully in Santa Monica on Sept. 4.

Respecting her wishes that no funeral or memorial service be held, her family asks that friends wishing to celebrate her memory make a donation to the charity of their choice.