



Dorothy Mae Van Horn Boring

October 20, 1919 - August 3, 2016

Dorothy Mae Van Horn Boring, passed away on August 3, 2016 in St. George, UT. She was born on October 20, 1919, in Pottstown, PA, to Robert Roy and Mary Annetta (Wert) Van Horn.

Dorothy grew up in Pottstown during the Great Depression, and after graduation she found work at Bell Telephone Company where she became a supervisor. In 1959, she moved to southern California and began working for North American Aviation, Autonetics Division, which became North American Rockwell, and later became Boeing. During her time with the space industry, she was not only a supervisor, but was also chosen to be the operator on the line every time a rocket or spaceship took flight. She connected all the engineers and key personnel from subcontractor companies and government agencies. Even if the flight was put on hold, she stayed there with an open line in case anyone needed to talk to anyone else in the country who was working on the project until a final determination about the flight was made. If a flight went up, the connection was maintained for the duration of the flight. This was truly a unique opportunity for a committed patriot.

In 1968, she married Marvin C. Boring, a security guard she met at Boeing. In the early 1980's, Dorothy and Marvin retired to Hemet, CA, where she lived until after his death whereupon she moved to Utah in 1995.

Dorothy always loved the music of the big band era. She had a great sense of humor and a quick wit. Her favorite Bible scripture was Psalm 121.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Marvin C. Boring; and her brother, Harold Douglas Van Horn. She is survived by: three children: Harry Lee Freese of Port Ludlow, WA, Kathleen M. Winstanley of Mesquite, NV, and Jane L. Bronsema (Richard) of Santa Clara, UT; four grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She will be laid to rest next to Marvin Boring at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, CA.