



Dorothy Jane "Dottie" Frapwell

October 17, 1947 - April 25, 2023

Dorothy Jane "Dottie" Frapwell, 75, of Bloomington passed away on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at her home.

She was born October 17, 1947 in New York City, New York, the daughter of Douglass Herbert Jr. and Eleanor Natalie (Rosenfeld) Frapwell. Dorothy was a 1965 graduate of Montclair High School. Dorothy graduated Pennsylvania State University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree. After graduation she worked for General Motors as a computer programmer before deciding to apply to law school. In the fall of 1970, she enrolled at the Indiana University School of Law where she graduated in 1973.

After graduating from the Maurer School of Law in 1973, Dorothy worked for the Monroe County District Attorney's Office in Bloomington. She returned to IU in 1975 and until 1990 was the attorney of the IU Medical Center, where she advised doctors and administrators on challenging matters of patient care, ethics, hospital law, and medical education.

In 1990, Dorothy was named special counsel to the president. In 1994, she was appointed general counsel for Indiana University, and she was named a vice president in 2006. Known for her poise, equanimity, and common sense, Dorothy embraced the many challenges of being the lead counsel of a complex, vibrant, multi-campus research university. Throughout the course of her distinguished career, she advised the trustees of Indiana University and four of its presidents. She attests that this position was incredibly fascinating

and never, never boring.

Dorothy also served on the Maurer School of Law board of visitors for 16 years and as a member of the law alumni board, culminating in a term as president in 1993. While the Medical Center attorney, she was a member of the Accredited Council for Graduate Medical Education. She has also served on the Indiana Supreme Court committee on character and fitness.

On her retirement in 2012, Dottie was presented with the President's Medal for Excellence, which recognized, among other criteria, distinction in public service, service to IU, and achievement in the arts, humanities, sciences, education, and industry. On that occasion, IU President Michael A. McRobbie said, "Through good times and difficult times, Indiana University could not have asked for a more well-prepared, wiser, or more reliable and principled representative than Dottie Frapwell. Her sound judgement and steadiness under pressure have earned her tremendous respect not only among her IU colleagues but also among members of the community and among colleagues across the nation."

She enjoyed traveling, baking, cooking, and she loved hosting get-togethers with her friends. She will be greatly missed.

Dorothy is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Evans of Mountainside, NJ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Douglass and Eleanor Frapwell; and her brother, Douglass Frapwell III.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in June. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center for the Myeloma Research Fund. Please make checks payable to: IUF/Multiple Myeloma Research Fund and mail to IUF; PO Box 7072; Indianapolis, IN 46207-7072. Indicate "In memory of Dorothy Frapwell" on the memo line. You may also make donations online at give.iu.edu and type "myeloma research" in the search box for the correct account.

The family would like to thank Koshie and the staff at Well Care for all the loving care they provided for Dottie. The family also appreciates the time and care given by Dottie's circle of friends: Karen Adams, Beth Cate, Kip Drew, Robin Gress, Joe Husk, Jennifer Kincaid and Nicki Mann.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday June 11, 2023 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm with the Celebration of Life service at 4:00pm. At President's Hall, Indiana University Franklin Hall, 601 E. Kirkwood Avenue Bloomington IN 47405. With Parking in the IU lots across the street.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUN 11. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Presidents Hall, Indiana University Franklin Hall
601 E. Kirkwood Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47405

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Attorney Farewell was a class act on all fronts.*

Roy Graham - April 30, 2023 at 07:22 AM