

# Dorothy Frances Zuzarte

JANUARY 20, 2022

Dorothy Frances Zuzarte (Garrett) passed away peacefully on January 20, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. She was the loving wife of Steve Garrett and the devoted mother of Richard and Ben. She is also survived by her sisters Josephine (Sally), Audry (Cosmos), Marylou (Martin), Hyacinth (Steve) and Bernadette (John), her brothers Brian, John (Lisa) and Marcellus and numerous nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her parents Peter and Stella, her siblings Pam, Kevin and Mary Elizabeth and her sisters-in-law Maria and Lisa.



Dorothy was born in Kampala Uganda on June 8, 1960, the seventh of 12 children. When she was 12, she moved with her family to Kenya where she finished school and completed an Education degree at Kenyatta University.

She emigrated to Canada in 1992 where she earned a certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language at Vancouver Community College while living in Burnaby.

In 1998 she moved to Langley and married before moving on to Abbotsford in 2008. There she spent 10 rewarding years teaching English to new immigrants with Abbotsford Community Services/Archway Community Services. She was also active in the BC wheelchair basketball community where she played and coached.

She lived for her garden and her best canine friend, Shaggy. She was also an avid artist, cake decorator, music lover, sportswoman and lover of the outdoors and nature.

A memorial service will be held on-line on February 19 at 12:00 noon on Zoom.com.

Go to Zoom.com and enter the Zoom Meeting ID and the Passcode to connect:

Zoom Meeting ID: 825 1781 1789

Passcode: 19602022

**Physical Meeting Update:**

We will be having a physical gathering to share memories of Dorothy Zuzarte in addition to the Saturday Service. It will take place on **Sunday, February 20 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM** at the following location.

**The Azalea Room,  
Garden Park Tower,  
2825 Clearbrook Road,  
Abbotsford, BC  
V2T 6S3**

This will be a casual dress open-house format. Please come any time between 2:00 and 6:00 and spend some time swapping memories with Dorothy's friends and family.

In lieu of flowers Dorothy asked that donations be made to the following organizations:

[BC Wheelchair Basketball Society](#) (to help families that need support with the costs of getting into wheelchair basketball).

[Myeloma Canada | Giving in Memory](#)

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[Archway Community Services \(Abbotsford\)](#)

## Messages of Condolence

So sorry for your loss. Love to all the family!

— **Kevin and Brenda Cousineau**

Dorothy was such a lovely person...I always felt a little happier after spending time with her. My deepest condolences to all the family. She will be greatly missed

— **Kelly O'Halloran**

Deepest sympathies to Richard, Ben and the family , for your loss. God Rest Dorothy's soul in peace.

Ruth, Wayne, Karl, Teresa

— **Ruth Fernandes**

I was so blessed to have met Dorothy after so many years since our family left Uganda. She was such a kind person and always thought about my mom and would visit and drop over Chutney sandwiches for mom. As she remembered the tea parties at her house and invited a few seniors to visit and have tea with her mom Stella. Lucky for me I was also invited

— **Jennifer D'Sa**

Our deepest condolences to the family. May Dotty's soul rest in peace. Amen. I know Dotty since childhood. My fond memories of Dotty are playing hockey together on the Vikings team. Such a beautiful and lovely person.

— **Loretta D'Souza**

Have fond childhood memories of Dorothy in Nairobi. I will cherish her friendship always. Rest In Peace, dear friend.

— **Myrtle Lesco**

Please accept my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I met Dorothy a couple of times at work and she stood out with her charming smile, she was very kind and welcome me to the program.

— **Ana Cervantes**

Our deepest condolences to the Garrett and Zuzarte families. May you all be comforted by the beautiful memories you shared with Dorothy.

Amina Noor  
Nairobi Neighbor

— **Amina Noor**

Feel very blessed to have known Dorothy through the wheelchair basketball community. She was such a kind and smart lady, so giving. RIP never forgotten

— **Marney Smithies**

Such a kind lady, wonderful Friend and always caring. She carried the legacy of her parents to offer hand to any friend neighbor or family even she does not have time or energy. She will be in our prayers forever.

— **Shahbaz Rafique**

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