

## DOROTHY KISH HARKETT



Today we celebrate what would have been the 100th birthday of a truly amazing woman, our mom and sister, Dorothy Harkett, who left us in 2016. She was the best mom to her three daughters, Marilyn Harkett Dore, Susan Harkett Turley, and Dawn Harkett. She was a "second mother" to Robert Dudash, her younger brother and our uncle. Dorothy, along with her "ever loving husband" Blair Harkett, created a home full

of love for learning and caring for family and others. She was always our teacher, cheerleader and confidant, instilling in each of us a healthy independence that she lived herself (even early in her life when she was the first girl to wear pants in her high school). Our mom, whether it be making funny drawings on our lunch bags for school when we were young, or sending the "pin money" along with welcome letters when we went to college, was always an integral part of our lives.

After a time of grieving when she lost Blair while in her prime, her strength and independence took over and she built a place of her own which she loved. She had a lot of life to live and she reveled in all of it. She was always there to offer direction to her now-adult daughters, sons-in-law Mike Dore and Jack Turley, both of whom she loved dearly, beloved brother Robert, and his wife Inge, who was, as Mom liked to say, the sister she always wanted. She welcomed Dawn's partners into the family. She cherished her two grandsons, Michael and Blair Dore, always offering them love and lessons (she never just let them win at Putt-Putt), and she was thrilled when they enriched her life with their wives Tara and Jennifer, and their children Henry, Sofia and Griffin. Mom loved her time at her condo, whether it be socializing with her other widow neighbors, or sitting on her couch doing crossword puzzles, reading book after book, or keeping up with current events, like the OJ trial. We all still chuckle that she was the only one in the family to vehemently believe OJ was innocent. Our mom had her health issues, but she was resilient and had a happy contentment with her life. Strong until her last days, she was the best of what a wife, mom, sister and woman could be.