Dorothy B. Haughton

December 9, 1931 - April 1, 2019

Newfields – Dorothy Bischoff Haughton, 87, of Newfields, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, April 1, 2019 surrounded by her loving and devoted family.

Known as the First Lady of harness racing, Dorothy Haughton was born in Chappaqua, New York on December 9, 1931, the daughter of the late Whitney H. and Esther L. (Linder) Bischoff. A graduate of Chappaqua High School, Dorothy went on to become a licensed X-ray technician and worked at Westchester Medical Center.

Dottie Haughton grew up watching her father, Whitney Bischoff, race horses at the fairs around the Goshen, New York area. He was also a judge at Yonkers Raceway. One day he invited a talented 27-year-old horseman named Bill Haughton home for dinner. Bill asked 19-year-old Dottie to the track to jog a horse. About a month later, they were married.

The young couple settled in Oyster Bay, Long Island to raise their family, which grew to include five children. The family's equine exploits were diverse. Mrs. Haughton and her husband even drove a team of horses in the inaugural parade for President Ronald Reagan.

In the late 1970s son Peter became a top trainer, driver and respected

representative of harness racing. His tragic death in a car accident in 1980 sent shock waves throughout the sport. Later that same year, Peter’s horse Burgomeister won the 1980 Hambletonian at DuQuoin for the Haughton family.

In 1986 husband Bill died from injuries sustained in a multi-horse racing accident at Yonkers Raceway. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Haughton became an active and ardent supporter of the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame and served as a trustee and secretary for over 26 years.

She became an Honorary Member of United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) in 1995. Sports Illustrated magazine presented her with an Award of Merit and USHWA presented her with its Good Guy Award. Of all the awards she had received through the years, Mrs. Haughton regarded her 1964 “Mother of the Year” the best of them all.

Dorothy was a genuine, lovely person full of grace and class who had a sincere love of the sport of harness racing and an enormous capacity to handle its ups and downs. A self-described “homemaker, mother and grandmother,” Dorothy was also an avid gardener and horticulturist, cultivating many varieties of flowers and showing them all over Long Island. Her gardening talents saw her win the Sweepstakes Award Horticulture & Artistic Design five times. She maintained the beautiful gardens and grounds at her home in Newfields until her passing.

Family members include her children, Billy Haughton of Deerfield Beach, FL, Thomas Haughton of Loxahatchee, FL, Cameron Haughton of Wayne, NJ and Holley Tufano and her husband, Gerard Porteus of Newfields. She also leaves her grandchildren, Tommy Haughton and his wife Lauren, Billy Haughton, Jake Tufano, Peter Tufano and his wife, Elizabeth, Katie Haughton, and Cameron Haughton, her great granddaughter Cora Tufano and most

important lifetime family friend and best caregiver anyone could ever have, Mary Tatum, and Dot's little Shih Tzu puppy, Timmy.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 6 PM on Sunday, April 7, 2019 and again on Monday, April 8 from 3 to 5 PM in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Prayer service will follow the Monday visitation starting at 5 PM in the funeral home. A Celebration of Life will be held in July at the Harness Racing Museum followed by burial in the Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury, NY where she can rest in peace with the loves of her life, Dad and Peter. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame (https://www.harnessmuseum.com/donations) 240 Main St., Goshen, New York 10924 or to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation (https://www.adoptahorse.org) 42 Arneytown-Hornerstown Rd., Cream Ridge, NJ 08514.

Cemetery Details

Holy Rood Cemtery

Westbury, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **7**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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APR **8**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall

Dorothy B. Haughton

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

DD

I met Dot only once--by accident six or seven years ago--on a walk through conservation land near her little pond in Newfields. She was being escorted on an ATV by a farmhand because she didn't walk so well; she was waiting for new hips.

Even so, she was clearly the robust lady of the manor, with gravity and grace--as I learned later, from a fascinating life full of successes and some tragedy too.

Years after, as the ranch was being sold ,I met her three sons, who visited for a last farewell. They camped out in the dead of winter in the decrepit cabin that had been their hideaway and ice-skating lodge long ago. [It still stands]. A son who flew in from Florida found New Hampshire cold excruciating.

I still savor those few friendly words shared with a stranger; I'll miss Dot.

Dave Day, Epping, NH

Dave Day - April 21, 2019 at 07:41 PM

LH

The first word that comes to mind when I think of Dot, is radiant. She could light up a room with her smile. Her home reflected her light, through her flowers, her decorating skills, her incredible meals & her laughter. She absolutely beamed when she was surrounded by her family. It was such a pleasure for me to get to know her over the years. She will be missed, but her light will continue to shine down on all of us. Rest In Peace Mrs. Haughton.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers,
Lauraine Harper

Lauraine Harper - April 17, 2019 at 08:11 PM

LS

To the Haughton Family,
We just want you to know how much we will always cherish our memories of your mother and father who were so much a part of our lives for so many years. We will always remember Dot as beautiful, classy, kind and gracious. She will be missed. It was wonderful scrolling through the photos and remembering. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time.
With our sincerest sympathy,
Lucianne and Ben Steall

Lucianne Steall - April 08, 2019 at 05:43 PM

TF

Growing up in Orange County, NY where the county seat is in Goshen, a neighbor introduced me to harness racing with day trips to the Historic Track there. In 1984 I found myself in New Hampshire as a young veterinarian in awe of Mrs. Haughton as she allowed me to work at Pioneer Farm. While she guided my growth as an equine and canine practitioner, we would discuss horticulture, world events, and our families. She was always the sweetest, kindest, most gracious lady. After 35 years of wonderful meetings, I was proud to count Dot Haughton as a friend. It is hard to believe that she is gone. Lisa and I and all of our veterinary hospital staff will miss her dearly.

Tim Fallon - April 07, 2019 at 10:18 AM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

April 06, 2019 at 09:13 PM

PS

My deepest condolences to the family. I am truly saddened to hear for Dottie's passing. She was truly one of a kind. I will always cherish the memories of the time we had together as great friends and neighbors on Redmond lane. Through thick and thin we were always together.
"Dot" all my love in heaven
"Paulie"
Paulette Silveri

paulette silveri - April 06, 2019 at 03:32 PM

128 files added to the album LifeTributes

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 06, 2019 at 02:39 PM

Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

April 06, 2019 at 12:23 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

April 06, 2019 at 08:35 AM

BW

Bruce M White lit a candle in memory of Dorothy B. Haughton

Bruce M White - April 05, 2019 at 05:28 PM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

April 04, 2019 at 04:45 PM

YN

Your Friends at the SOA of NY purchased the Pe ace Eternal Wreath for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

Your Friends at the SOA of NY - April 04, 2019 at 01:56 PM

DS

She was the fist lady of racing,a class act for sure. RIP. Dorothy

Dorothy (Penny) Redfern Smith - April 03, 2019 at 09:57 AM

BK

Bob, Patty and Rob Key purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

Bob, Patty and Rob Key - April 03, 2019 at 08:17 AM

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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 03, 2019 at 07:50 AM

RO

My condolences to the Haughton family,I met Dot years ago through Billy and remember what a wonderful person she was,hold on to those wonderful memories,she is always with you.
Much ❤️ Rochelle Gohlich

Rochelle - April 03, 2019 at 06:02 AM

HT

12 files added to the tribute wall

Holley Tufano - April 02, 2019 at 08:52 PM

HT

Mom everyday I hear another story from another person who's life you have touched. You were beyond amazing and had so much love to share. Please Rest In Peace now and enjoy the party in the sky with dad and Peter. All my love. Your one and only daughter. Holley

Holley Tufano - April 02, 2019 at 08:34 PM

KA

Awe Holley, I am so sorry to learn of your moms passing. She was a one of a kind dame; I mean that with the highest regard- a real ol' fashioned kick ass kind of gal. They don't make em like her anymore. You had such a close bond with your mom, my deepest condolences for you and your family darling.

Kathy - April 04, 2019 at 08:01 AM

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April 02, 2019 at 07:42 PM

I am so sorry to all of the Haughton family and good friends for the loss of this great lady! I had the pleasure of knowing Dot for many years. She was one of the classiest women I have ever met!! Has always treated me like family! RIP Dot Another special angel got her wings!

Eileen Calligan - April 02, 2019 at 07:31 PM

BH

You gave so much and asked for so little! I love you today, I Love you tomorrow, and I will Love you Forever. Your son, Billy

Billy Haughton - April 02, 2019 at 06:12 PM

EP

My Deepest Condolences to the entire HAUGHTON family. I adored her, she was so loving and loved her extended family. Rest in HEAVEN and hello to Pops and Peter. 🍍🐎😥🍍🐎😥

Eva Ramos aka Pineapple - April 03, 2019 at 01:42 PM

BG

Betty & Walter Nacca, & Tara and George purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

Betty & Walter Nacca, & Tara and George - April 02, 2019 at 01:37 PM

BF

Brian Wallach, Ira Wallach & Carmine Fusco purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

Brian Wallach, Ira Wallach & Carmine Fusco - April 02, 2019 at 10:54 AM

YS

Your friends at MUFG - Boston, NY, LA & SF purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy B. Haughton.

Your friends at MUFG - Boston, NY, LA & SF - April 02, 2019 at 08:55 AM