



Dorothy Summers Fitch

May 24, 1920 - September 28, 2018

Dorothy Summers Fitch, long time resident of Dallas passed away in Plano on September 28, 2018, at age 98. She was born May 24, 1920 in Choctaw County, Oklahoma and grew up in Wichita Falls, TX. Dorothy will be remembered by her friends and family as a generous and pioneering, fiercely self-reliant woman who loved adventure, travel and people. In her youth, she enjoyed many hours with her grandmother, Cora Ann Moore and graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1939. Her yearbook noted her fondness for football and pickles. In 1941, she married Roger H. King of Wichita Falls and they had two sons, Rio H. King and Rico H. King. As a young mother, she loved to roller skate to and from the grocery store with Rio in a wagon. While married to Roger, Dorothy was a hunting trailblazer. She was the first female President of the Texas Wildlife Federation and served as a Texas delegate to the National Wildlife Federation. She was a crack shot and won competition awards, including muzzle-loading matches as well as game trophies. After a divorce, she single-parented her boys, worked full time and attended secretarial school at night, which was funded by her step sister, Marie Cook. That support inspired her educational philanthropy for the rest of her life. Dorothy was a life-long learner; a seeker, who engaged strangers, frequently making new friends. She was fascinated by the world around her and was seldom bored. She constantly challenged herself and others to better themselves. After her boys graduated college, in 1966 she married her second husband, Donald C. Fitch, Jr., a prominent Dallas attorney, and later moved to Scottsdale, AZ. Together they toured the world by jet, freighter, luxury liner, Airstream trailer, and the Concord, visiting nearly 70 countries. Dorothy was not only a lovely wife, but doctors credited her with extending Don's life by 10 years, administering plasma transfusions and caring for Don throughout their remote travels. After his passing, she enjoyed reading the worldwide weather reports in the Sunday paper, remembering their travels. She treasured her role as matriarch and time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her stated goal was to help at least two people every day and she was devoted to her prayer list every night. She regularly drove friends on errands and to health treatments until she was in her 90s. She loved any adventure and especially the open road. She couldn't abide slow walkers or pokey drivers and fully expected to drive to her own funeral. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald C. Fitch, Jr; son, Rico H. King; mother, Lula

Lee Summers; father, James W. Strother and step-father, Frank Dodd Summers. Besides her devoted husband, parents, and son, Dorothy was preceded in death by her step-brother, Frank D. Ellis, step-sister, Marie Cook, brother, T. Keith Summers and his wife, Barbara, Dorothy's life-long best friend. Also preceding her death was her friend and traveling companion, Don Presley. She is survived by her son, Rio H. King and wife, Malinda H. Cannon, of Plano; 7 grandchildren, R. Holly King of Allen, TX, Roger H. King and wife Erica of Bartlett, IL, R. Heidi King and wife Brandi of Plano, TX, Robbie H. King and wife Cindy of Arlington, TX, R. Hunter King and wife Elisabeth of Allen, TX, Rachelle H. King of Chicago, IL, Sarah Evans of San Jose, CA; 7 great grandchildren, Ryan King and Kaitlin Moore of Allen, TX, Travis, Tyler and Tiana King of Chicago, IL, Rowdy and Ryston King of Arlington, TX; niece Luann Yarberry and husband Larry and grand nephew Houston Yarberry. Dorothy was an active member of the 5 Star Premier Residences of Dallas community for almost 15 years. During that time, her devoted personal assistants, Carrie Langston and Devie Richards were her passionate advocates and companions. When she moved to Plano to be closer to her children, she was lovingly cared for at the Locardia House by Caltus Chaduka, R.N. and her staff. The family is deeply grateful for all who helped provide comfort for Dorothy in her last years. Services will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018, at Restland Funeral Home, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243 with a Visitation from 5:00 – 6:30 pm, followed immediately by a Celebration of Life at 6:30. Rev. Earnest Walt will officiate. A graveside service will be held at Riverside Cemetery, 1800 Seymour Hwy, Wichita Falls, TX at 1:00 pm, Saturday, November 10, 2018, officiated by Rev. Tom Medley of University Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to Dress For Success, 5580 Peterson Lane, Ste 155, Dallas TX 75240 or Veteran's Resource Center.org, 4900 South Lancaster, Dallas TX 75216. Funeral arrangements for Dorothy Summers Fitch have been faithfully entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery, which is located at 13005 Greenville Ave., at the intersection of Restland Road, Dallas, Texas 75243, and can be reached at (972) 238-7111.