

With love always



Thank You

We sincerely thank our family and friends for the love and support you have shown during this difficult time.

Your comforting presence and shared memories at Dorothy's farewell means so much to us and truly honoured her life.

Dorothy Starling

16.08.1928 - 23.04.2025

Dorothy's Life

Dorothy Helen Clark was born on 16 August 1928 in Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland.



Throughout her youth, Dorothy delighted in Girl Guides, ice skating, and sharing fun-filled moments with friends, treasured family holidays, and navigating the challenges and memories shaped by wartime experiences.

While training as a radiographer in Glasgow, Dorothy met Alan Starling, the love of her life. They married on 8 July 1950, when Dorothy was 21 and Alan was 24, beginning a lifelong journey together.



Dorothy was proud to become a mother to two daughters, Moira in 1952 and Lorna in 1956, both of whom she adored deeply.



In 1962 Dorothy embarked on a 6 week sea journey to New Zealand, settling with her family in Gore.



Dorothy returned to the workforce as a nurse aide, later balancing part-time radiography work with family life, until her well-earned retirement in 1988.

Dorothy's life remained full and active, with Girl Guiding, tramping adventures, camping trips, dancing, travels near and far, and above all, the delight of her grandchildren.



Dorothy embraced retirement in Nelson with her characteristic warmth and energy, making new friends, delighting in her growing family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoying walking, volunteering, travelling, and practising Tai Chi.



In 2010 Dorothy lost her beloved husband and best friend, Alan. With resilience and grace, she built a new life, forming new friendships, continuing her Tai Chi practice, and always remaining deeply connected to her family.

Surrounded by close family in Invercargill, Dorothy lived her final adventure with the same independence, strength, and love that had defined her life.

