



Dorothy Mager

March 11, 1934 - May 1, 2026

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Worthington resident since 1975, I was born in Schofield Barracks, Near Honolulu Hawaii, to parents Catherine and Carl Fischer. My dad was in the army (Major). I attended 10 schools before graduating from the American High School in Heidelberg, Germany. I attended the U. of Maryland in Munich, Germany and College Park, Md., and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi. Then off to fascinating Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn advertising agency on Madison Ave. in New York City, where I worked as a secretary for 4 and ½ years in the Public Relations Dept..

I met the love of my life, Hal Mager Jr., in 1957. We both belonged to the Catholic Youth Organization. We were married Aug, 23, 1958 in Westfield, N.J., and I spent 60 and ½ years with my sweetheart forever until his death Feb. 5, 2019, which broke my heart.

Our greatest joy in life was our beloved three children and their families: Hal Mager (Karen), Catherine Thorsen (Doug), and Barbara Nobile (Frank); terrific eight grandchildren: Ashley and Alex Mager, Allison, Michael, and Emily Thorsen; Maria, Lauren, and Rachael Nobile. We adored our precious family, and all the memorable times we shared together which were bountiful. Hal and I felt it was a blessing to now have our kids living only a few miles from us.

I have lived in 23 different places in 13 states, and 3 years in Germany. It was exhilarating, educational, and fun making 45 visits to foreign countries. And there was a feeling of thankfulness touring 35 states in beautiful America. Hal enjoyed traveling too.

I retired from Call Insurance Agency (Worthington) as an agent, and Huntington National Bank (Worthington Hills Branch) as a Personal Banker/ Investment Rep..

Hal and I were original members of the Northwest Gourmet Group which kept us in the loop of entertaining for 42 years. The Bowerman Street Block Party in June had always been very special to us. We were thankful to have great friends and neighbors.

Every Lent before Easter we looked forward to the fish fry dinners at various Catholic Churches. And also the Labor Day festivals at St. Michael's Church and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, plus the St. Joan of Arc Festival the last weekend in August. The Irish Festival in Dublin the first weekend in August was a delightful event. Attending the Ohio State Fair, Oktober Fest, and Worthington Days was a blast.

We went to all the musicals and flying events at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Hal had his pilot license, and he would rent a plane so we could fly to various places such as Kelleys Island. Going to Vaudvilities, the theater, plus rooting for the Buckeyes with friends was a treat. The Columbus area was such a great place to live and appreciate.

All the fabulous trips with our kids, their families and relatives to Marco Island, Myrtle Beach, the Outer Banks, Lake Norris, Las Vegas, Sarasota, West Point, Caribbean were memorable.

I was active in my favorite two social and philanthropic organizations: Women Today, and the Worthington Women's Club. I met lots of wonderful people, and had good times with all the group activities, especially the book clubs, art study group, luncheons.

In addition to my parents and husband, I was predeceased by my brother Carl Fischer Jr. (Lt. Col. retired, West Point grad) and his wife Mary Lou, and

special Aunt Gertrude Fischer. I am survived by my family, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Loved them all.

I told my family I was writing my own obituary. In lieu of donations, please go out with family or friends, and just enjoy living each day of your life. I really cherished my time on earth!

The Celebration of My Life will be private. I'll be seeing you.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *This obituary is so Dot. I can hear her reading it outloud after she finished it.
I met Dot at Paramount Senior Living in Westerville where I was employed as a receptionist.
She was always so pleasant with a smile on her face.
I did get to talk to her for a few minutes before she passed. She was asleep, but I woke her up to make sure she knew I was there. She told me she loved me and I kissed her on the forehead. It was a sad moment but I'll never forget it.
She will always hold a very special place in my heart.
Judy DePinto*

Judy DePinto - May 18 at 06:35 AM

WB

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Mager hired my Dad at Jeffrey Dresser and that's why we moved to Ohio in 1978. My parents got together with your folks several times over the years and I always enjoyed their company. We even spent New Year's Eve together at the Columbus Maennerchor about 25 years ago. What a huge loss and a life well lived; may her memory be a blessing.*

Wendy Ritter Bayer - May 14 at 08:22 PM

MS

“ *Dorothy and Hal were our next door neighbors for 30 years and they were delightful! Will always remember Hal's famous homemade cheese cakes that he would make for the block parties-delicious! Always enjoyed talking with them and Dorothy always thought of us by sending food our way left over from their get togethers. We could not have asked for better neighbors. They will always be missed.
The Scholl Family*

Marcie Scholl - May 14 at 06:02 PM

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I love Dot's own obituary. I laughed out loud when she said that several activities were "a blast." She said that about several things she did! I think it reveals her zest for life. Did anyone ever see her without her trademark smile? Even with sad events, she looked for the bright side. I remember how difficult it was for her to miss Hal. We talked together about that because I had trouble adjusting to losing our youngest daughter. She and I were in several activities together like book club and art study. And we both did calls for some of our activities in both Worthington Women's Club and Women Today. We helped each other with our specific office duties.

Dot Mager, I miss you a great big bunch. Patti G

Patti Gill - May 19 at 01:28 PM