



Dorothy M. Bowman

May 18, 2026

Dorothy M. “Dot” Bowman (née Niven), age 91, of South Philadelphia, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family.

Born and raised in the neighborhood of Second and Reed, Dot was a proud “2” Streeter and a graduate of Sacred Heart School. She carried the spirit of South Philadelphia with her throughout her life and cherished the traditions and memories that made the neighborhood home. She especially loved the Mummers Parade and was a devoted fan of the Quaker City String Band. Some of her happiest memories were spent on Broad Street with her beloved sister Gertie, enjoying the celebration and returning home to homemade bean soup prepared by her husband Al.

Dot was preceded in death by her husband Albert Bowman, Sr.; her parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Niven; and her siblings Edward Palmer, Agnes Niven, Raymond Niven, Elizabeth Grassinger, Thomas Niven, Charles Niven, and Gertrude Armstrong.

She leaves behind her loving sons, Albert J. Bowman Jr., Thomas W. Bowman (Barb), and Robert M. Bowman (Lisa); her devoted daughter-in-law, Pattie; and her cherished grandchildren, Thomas P. Bowman and Trisha A. Bowman (Frank). She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Dot was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend whose warmth, humor, and unmistakable South Philly personality touched everyone who knew her. She found joy in life's simple pleasures including trips to the dollar store, dinners at Olive Garden, shopping at Boscov's, seek-a-word puzzles, scratch-offs, and spending time with family. She was also a proud and loving dog mom to her late beloved Pepe.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Relatives and friends are invited to her Viewing, Saturday, May 23, 2026 after 8 AM at Rogers Funeral Home, Inc., 1426-30 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 followed by her Religious Service at 10 AM. Interment will be held at SS Peter & Paul Cemetery following her Service in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Dot's name to Women's Animal Care (www.womensanimalcenter.org) or by mail at Women's Animal Center
3839 Richlieu Road Bensalem, PA 19020.

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Cemetery Details

SS Peter and Paul Cemetery

1600 Sproul Road
Springfields, PA 19064

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 23. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Rogers Funeral Home
1426-30 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 468-4632
<https://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com/>

Flowers are to be delivered by 3PM on FRIDAY 5/22

Religious Services

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Cathyniven Carolyn Ketler Loved Her lit a candle in memory of Dorothy M. Bowman*



Cathyniven Carolyn ketler loved her - May 20 at 07:45 PM

TH

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Bowman family Dot and Al were great friends and customers may they rest in peace,sincerely John, Tom, George, Joe, Alice and Arlene (Former employees of Linsky Pharmacy) 🙏*

Tom Haines - May 20 at 04:11 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Bowman.*



May 19 at 09:37 AM

JD

“ *Dear Al and Pattie,
I am so very sorry for your loss.
Sincerely,
Jackie Duffy*



Jackie Duffy - May 19 at 09:21 AM

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“ *Cathyniven Turkerniven lit a candle in memory of Dorothy M. Bowman*



Cathyniven turkerniven - May 18 at 10:21 PM

MK

“ *I knew Dorothy growing up. She was older then I, and for the most part was protective of me as I was a bit younger. She was a nice person coming from a warm family. Sorry for your families loss.*

Mary Anne Killian - May 18 at 09:30 PM

JA

“ *Jimmy Niven
So sorry for your loss may your beautiful Aunt
dot rest peacefully 🙏🙏
Joy Ancello*



Joy Ancello - May 18 at 06:26 PM