



## Doris Timmons Murray

September 9, 1924 - February 23, 2020

CUMBERLAND- Doris Timmons-Murray, 95, of Cumberland, passed away February 23, 2020. She was born in Poland, ME, to Linwood and Gladys Morrill on September 9, 1924, and was raised in Cumberland where she lived her entire life.

In 1940, she married Walter Leland. Together, they had 4 children. She and Walter ("Pete") ran a catering truck, working at auctions and at the Cumberland Fair. Doris was a wonderful cook, and her cakes, pies, and raised donuts were always in great demand. She also worked for 40 years at the gate at the Cumberland Fair for the Cumberland Farmers Club.

As a young girl, Doris began picking out tunes on her family piano, and developed a gift of being able to play just about anything by ear. She never read a note of music, but enjoyed playing publicly with great passion and enthusiasm for over 70 years. She formed her own group in the 1960's, known as "Doris Leland's Orchestra", and was heard all over greater Portland. The Mustache Cup Lounge, Shakey's Pizza, Casco Bay Cruises, and the Prince of Fundy, Saturday night dances at Millbrook in Westbrook, later for dances in Highland Grove, Buxton, West Falmouth, and in recent years at the Cumberland Community Club with the Society of the Preservation of Ballroom Dancing. She played at old fashioned minstrel and variety shows, and countless private functions throughout the years. She was always humble about her great gift and eager to share it with others, and loved seeing people smile as she played.

Doris lost her first husband, Walter, in 1966 after 25 years of marriage. She remarried in 1968, her second husband, Howard Aldrich, and sadly, was widowed again just two years later in 1970.

In 1973, she married Harold Timmons, and they enjoyed 15 happy years of laughter and travel until he passed in 1988. Her 4th marriage, to James "Jim" Murray, at age 75, was for a very happy, but short 3 years until his passing.

She was admirably strong and resilient. She had a great sense of humor, and tried to maintain a positive outlook even when faced with challenges and great sorrow. She was always thankful for all the wonderful things she had been blessed with in her life and her faith helped her through her grief and losses.

Doris was happy to have lived in her own home, the same one, for over 75 years, right

next door to the one she grew up in. She had a full, happy life and was loved immeasurably by her family and friends. She will be missed terribly.

She is survived by her children, Beverly Giroux of Oxford, Walter Leland Jr. and wife Martha, of Gorham, Linwood Leland and wife Kristi of South Portland, and Susan Leo and husband Brian of Westbrook; 17 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren, and a few "Great" Greats.

A memorial service for Doris will be 12 P.M. Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Windham Chapel of Dolby, Blais & Segee, 434 River Rd. Windham with an hour of visitation starting at 11 A.M. until the time of the service. To leave condolences and to participate in her online tribute, visit [www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com](http://www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com).

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**                      11:00AM

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Dolby, Blais & Segee - Windham Chapel  
434 River Road, Windham, ME, US, 04062

**FEB**   **Memorial Service**                      12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I have such fond memories of visiting Doris at her house when I was young. My grandmother, Norma Fuller, used to take me there for visits (over 40 years ago) and I can still see Doris's expressions and hear her laugh. She always seemed to have her pulse on what was happening in town, and in the neighboring towns. Although I never knew the details of the stories she and my grandmother would share, I remember being mesmerized by the expressive ways Doris would talk! She was a fun lady, for sure!!

**Elaine Fuller Moore** - March 01, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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**Rich Morrill** - February 28, 2020 at 06:53 AM

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“ Beverly and Walter:  
Seeing your mother's notice in the paper tonight brought back some great memories. When I first returned on furlough from the Air Force 1957 your mom was playing at Gray Legion with my dad, Ken Dorr on drums, Max Grant on Banjo, and Mr. Merrill on Saxophone. Your mom could make that old upright fill the hall. Those were great times. When I remember then I can still hear, those country tunes and feel the swinging to Lady of the Lake and a few others. She was a wonderful personable open individual who brought a lot of happiness to a lot of people.  
I am sorry I can't attend her life celebration but I have a service to attend in Thomaston on Saturday. God blessed you with Dot as your mom.  
Bob Dorr

**Bob Dorr** - February 27, 2020 at 08:01 PM

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“ I could share a lifetime of wonderful memories but I will simply say that love and kindness dwelled within, and was shared so freely by, Aunt Doris. I always have and always will love her. One of my last visits was made memorable by her playing Sweet Georgia Brown for me, which she also did for me when I very young. I shall miss her deeply.

Peace to Butch, Beverly, Linwood, Susan and their families.

**Mark Fuller** - February 27, 2020 at 05:50 PM

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“ Mark & Sharon Fuller purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Doris Timmons Murray.



**Mark & Sharon Fuller** - February 27, 2020 at 05:34 PM

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“ Woody, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Your mother was always such a sweet and joyful person to talk to when the two of you came to shows together, and you are such a good son to have helped her keep the arts in her life for so long.

**Renee Myhaver** - February 27, 2020 at 04:49 PM

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“ Woody and family I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. She was such a wonderful person. I have great memories of her from way back in my childhood.



**Dottie and Frank Coffin** - February 27, 2020 at 02:39 PM



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**Jessa Micheals** - February 27, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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“ My beautiful Gram!! The memories of so many amazing times and huge amounts of unconditional love for all of us. I will remember her dancing in the kitchen with Grampa Timmons, I can remember the family reunion we had when I lived outback! I will treasure all the moments I was able to have with her and especially before she began her new journey to Heaven. I know she is playing beautiful music and looking down on all her seeds of love which will keep on growing until we meet again. I reflect on the nights listening to the scanner when we were little or Grammie in at her desk making out letters to mail. One thing I do treasure is the old woman above the sink that I used to stare at . I think we all have a memory of that. One other memory is when Grammie would laugh from the gut. and one cant describe the joy of laughter when she got going. She has been an inspiration to me as the last time I saw her she told me she loved me and I was able to share some moments with her. Her expression of Oh DEeee YAAAA or oh dear. will always make me grin. I love you Grammie and I will make sure to fill the bird feeders for you. .I will always remember most of our love for sparkles that we shared and how I would sit on her lap and twirl her rings and stare at the colors. Her love for Frogs and her amazing meals during the holidays oh her food was amazing made with love and one tradition I will carry on is always have a charlie brown tree. I remember when I went to Grammie after I graduated how Proud she was of me and said she sees great things. That day she showed me where she had my mother and it was a special day listening to her and Mom laugh and chat in the car as we headed to colefarms....Gram you rest well and in a blink of an eye we will all be together and I know your with all our loves who got there first. I cant wait to hear all about you and Michele sitting together in the feilds of butterflies and amazing company of our loving Father. The gift she leaves behind are her seeds of her roots and foundation. She will live on in all of us.. I love you Grammie.



**Jessa Micheals** - February 27, 2020 at 10:26 AM

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“ I can see her at the piano now. We loved dancing to her music. I am sorry for your loss but what a wonderful and full life. Sincerely, Maryella Rawnsley

**Maryella Rawnsley** - February 27, 2020 at 07:54 AM