



## Dolores "Dodi" Sawyer

April 17, 2025

Obituary: Dolores "Dodi" Anne (Smyrski) Sawyer (1939 - 2025)

Dolores Anne (Smyrski) Sawyer, known affectionately as "Dodi," passed away peacefully on April 17, 2025, surrounded by her family. Born on March 4, 1939, in Rutland, Vermont, Dodi was the beloved only daughter of Henry and Anna Smyrski and the cherished sister of her brother, Richard Smyrski.

Dodi attended the University of Vermont, where she was a proud member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority. Dodi married young in life to Robert DeShon Sawyer, an Army medivac helicopter pilot. They had three daughters.

Dodi was the proud parent of: Elizabeth Sawyer (Jeff Gibbs), Kristen Sawyer Howard, and Allison Sawyer Zielinski (Steven Zielinski). She was also the devoted grandmother to seven grandchildren: Jackson, Lily, and Piper Howard, as well as Amelia, Posey, Sawyer, and Tenley Zielinski, along with many Vermont nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a beloved "fourth daughter," Sue Hague-Rogers, who loved Dodi as much as we did. In her later years, she found great comfort spending time with John Jagodzinski, who became an integral part of her life, offering love and companionship.

Dodi's life was marked by resilience, humor, and an unmatched wit. She was a force to be reckoned with, and her presence was always felt in any room she entered. Those lucky enough to sit beside her were in for a treat—her humor and quick wit made every conversation memorable. As one friend put it, "In any environment you should want to sit next to Dodi, because her personality and humor will always crack you up in ways you never saw

coming."

Her infectious laughter and boundless energy radiated like sunshine, lighting up the lives of everyone around her. She had a special way of making people feel seen and heard, and her candidness, though sometimes unfiltered, was always tempered with love. It is no exaggeration to say that Dodi's love for children was unparalleled, especially her love for her grandchildren.

Dodi is predeceased by her former husband, Robert DeShon Sawyer, with whom she shared a life of love and laughter, and her former spouse, David W. Fry.

Dodi's career in the marketing industry was a testament to her creativity and work ethic. As the marketing manager for the Casto Organization, overseeing local Toledo shopping centers, she worked hard to provide for her family. Her success in her professional life was mirrored in the strength and love she showed as a mother and grandmother.

Though her life was not without its challenges, Dodi's spirit was unyielding, and her journey was undoubtedly one of significant meaning. She leaves behind a legacy of love, humor, and a sense of style that will never be forgotten.

A celebration of Dodi's life will be held in her hometown of Rutland, Vermont, at a later date, with immediate family and friends. Our family appreciates the love and care shown to her during her time at Sunset House.

We know Dodi's laughter is still echoing, and wherever the sun shines a little brighter, that's where Dodi went. Much love ... and love you more.

Coyle Funeral Home and Cremation Services is handling the arrangements.

Please leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores "Dodi" Sawyer.*



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