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**Loudoun Laurels Foundation's Statement on the Passing of
2019 Loudoun Laureate Di Cook**

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of 2019 Loudoun Laureate Agnes diZerga Cook on April 23, 2025. Di, as she was fondly known to her friends, leaves behind a legacy of compassion and creativity that touched countless lives.

A passionate advocate for the arts and horticulture, Di served in leadership roles with the Leesburg Garden Club, the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club, and the Loudoun Arts Council. She played a pivotal role in organizing the annual Historic Garden Week tour, which attracted thousands of visitors and showcased the beauty of Loudoun County's gardens. Her work with the Garden Club of Virginia was instrumental in the restoration of Dodona Manor's gardens and the enhancement of Morven Park's grounds.

Beyond her artistic endeavors, Di was deeply committed to supporting her community. Through her family foundation, she provided funding to organizations offering food, healthcare, and training to those in need within Loudoun County. Her quiet generosity and behind-the-scenes efforts made a significant impact on the lives of many.

Please join us in sharing our deepest condolences to her husband of 68 years 2014 Loudoun Laureate Dr. John "Jack" H. Cook, III. Di's legacy is one of humility, service, and a profound love for her community. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and a community that will forever be grateful for her contributions.

Services will be held at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 17. She will be laid to rest in the Harrison Family area at Union Cemetery, Leesburg, Va.

Her spirit will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing her.

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