



Dorothy Jean Beers

January 3, 1932 - January 22, 2018

Dorothy Jean Beers peacefully passed away after a very brief illness, surrounded by her children at the Munson Medical Center on Monday January 22nd, 2018. The love of her life, John had passed away May 6th, 2014. John and Dorothy celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary with the annual family tradition known as, 'The John & Dorothy Beers Anniversary Pub Crawl' in November 2013 in Traverse City.

John and Dorothy raised their seven children downstate in Dearborn, where John retired from The Ford Motor Company in 1986. The couple moved to Traverse City in 1990, enjoying the relaxed and laid back life style, especially the restaurants and pubs. An ideal day for Dorothy would include shopping and a stroll downtown, ending with a meal or beverage at their favorite TC restaurant, Amical.

Having seven children, twenty grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, Dorothy was constantly busy entertaining or traveling to family celebrations, graduations, weddings, and baby showers. The Beers' children are: oldest son John Beers Jr. (Rory) of South Haven; oldest daughter Sue Jaquette (Tom) of Olivet; Patty Gregory (Russ) of Northville; Claudia Feeny (Paul) of Charlotte; Jeff Beers of Charlotte; Jay Beers (Tracy) of Traverse City; and Kris Beers (Jennifer) of Livonia.

A memorial service honoring Dorothy will take place at 3:00 p.m., with visitation starting at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684. Pastor Chad Oyer will officiate.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Kiwanis Club of Traverse City (Attention Secretary, Kiwanis Club of Traverse City Foundation, P.O. Box 864, Traverse City, MI 49685).

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Dorothy's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 02:00PM

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FEB **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ All of us here at Federico's Jewelers send our love to the Dorothy's family. John and Dorothy were very special to us. We were so sad to hear of her passing. She loved her jewelry and we always made sure her rings were clean and sparkly! With all our love George, Laurie ,Edward and Concetta.

Laurie Wildman - February 04, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ When they lived over on East Bay at Port Traverse, John and Dorothy always filled the place with lots of laughter and smiles. They both were so loving and kind and always saw the good in their neighbors. John brought consistency to the Condo Board and Dorothy treats to the board meetings- they took the time to know each of the other unit owners.. Dorothy also shared her sense of humor and stories about her life and her family. Her family was so very important to her. I would always run into them from time to time out to Interlochen, and we would catch up. My sincerest condolences to her family.
Sally Somsel

Sally Somsel - February 03, 2018 at 06:53 PM



“ Don and I met John & Dorothy at church after our sons became friends, and soon after, best friends. In the bible, John 13:34, Jesus said, " I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." And that's what they did so well, for each of us.
We miss them,
Agnes Hayden

Agnes Hayden - January 29, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ The day was always brighter after seeing Dorothy. She was so loving and kind. She looked for the good in people. She had a good sense of humor and it was fun to listen to her stories about her life and her family. She was a dear friend and I will miss her very much. I send my sympathy and love to her wonderful family.

Ruthann Barrie - January 28, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ Dorothy has been a wonderful mother-in-law and has always treated me like I was part of the family from the first day I met her. My fondest memories are all of the “things” she shared with me whenever we went to visit her or she came to visit us. My favorite “things” were serving pieces and dishes that she could no longer use in her home. The funniest “things” were articles she had cut out of magazines with tips for cleaning and cooking. The most outrageous “things” are too outrageous to share. She gave me those “things” out of love and kindness. She gave me those “things” without ever expecting something in return. She gave me those “things” because I was her family. Thank you Dorothy for all of those “things” and the memories and laughs I can share today.

Love Jennifer Beers

Jennifer Beers - January 26, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ We were greatly saddened when we learned of Dorothy’s passing. Immediately the memories of our good times times with her flowed.

One that came to mind was her tag-team ability with her husband’s jokes. John loved to tell jokes but he didn’t always get the details or the punch line right. Dorothy would jump in and straighten out the story and often provide the punch line. When asked how she could do that she said, “I ought to be able to, I’ve heard them a thousand times!”

Probably the single most memorable incident with Dorothy happened at a Mexican restaurant in Arizona. Years ago a group of us went for dinner and cocktails and sat at a long table that had bench seats with backs on them. At one point Dorothy, who was seated closest to the wall, announced that she was going to the rest room. As several of us prepared to slide off the bench to let her by, she performed an astounding acrobatic maneuver to exit her seat. We all were left speechless. For years afterward, we, Dorothy included, laughed about this. It’s like it happened yesterday.

Dorothy was a beautiful woman, not only on the outside but she had a beautiful heart and spirit as well. She was smart and had strong opinions about many issues. She always felt that today’s young people needed more education and discipline regarding how to behave in social situations. It was hard to argue with her on that point.

Our sincerest condolences to her family and to all that loved her. We will long remember her. May she Rest In Peace.

Sincerely, Bev @ Bob Schwenter

Bob Schwenter - January 26, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ The Traverse City Denison family loved Dorothy and John so much. We will miss her smiling face as much as we miss John's. Love to you all! Nancy and David

Nancy Denison - January 25, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ When Aunt Barbara and I came back from our honeymoon in New Orleans, Dorothy and John hosted a party for us at their home on Beech Street in Dearborn. Dorothy always made everyone feel welcome. I remember when Dorothy and John and their friends, Merv and Peg, came to visit in Chicago. It was the first time we met. Aunt Barbara and I were sitting in a hotel lobby, waiting for them, munching on popcorn. When they saw the popcorn Dorothy said, "You'll fit into this family, Michael."

Michael Porte - January 25, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ Uncle Mike - Dorothy told the Chicago story at Christmas including the chain of events that led up to the meeting. It was quite entertaining. She loved to share memories!

Jennifer Beers - January 26, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ Meus sentimentos, a toda família!!!

Alzira - January 28, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ Que DEUS, abençoa todos!!!

Alzira - January 28, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ We are out of the area for winter and so sad to hear of Dorothy's passing. Dorothy was the light of any gathering, and we had so many good times together. Both of your parents were a joy to have in our lives. Our condolences to all of her family, she left you a great legacy, and you took good care of them both.
Love, Chuck & Sheri Varner

Chuck & Sheri Varner - January 25, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of Dorothy's passing. I met her and John through my parents (Bob and Bev Schwenter) and felt like Dorothy was my kindred spirit. She always greeted me with a huge smile and a warm hug whenever I saw her. She reminded me so much of my grandmother in so many ways. Thinking about your whole family in your grief. What a great loss to all. I will be out of town next Saturday and will not be able to attend the visitation but know you'll all be in my thoughts. With warmest regards, Nancy (Schwenter) Laubach

Nancy Laubach - January 25, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ We are away for winter and are so sad to hear about Dorothy's leaving. We had such a good time with her at our Christmas dinner and event at Interlochen and she even made it to pizza dinner one night. We so enjoyed Dorothy's cheerfulness and beautiful smile.
We have all been so fortunate to have her share part of her life with us.
God bless you
Nancy Larson and Pat Noland

Nancy Larson - January 24, 2018 at 06:41 PM