



Dorothy Margaret Matzinger

January 10, 1927 - May 30, 2016

Dorothy Margaret Matzinger, 89, of Traverse City passed away Monday, May 30, 2016 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Dorothy was born on Monday, January 10, 1927 to Frederick and Mary (Puffpaff) Jackson in Lansing along with her twin sister Betty Laura. She attended Lansing schools and graduated from Lansing Eastern High School. She went to work at the Michigan State Police headquarter in East Lansing.

On June 28, 1947 she married Herman A. Kelbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kelbert in Lansing. She was widowed on December 28, 1948.

She continued working at the State Police in the Fire Marshal division. Dorothy was active in her church and also in a youth group entitled United Christian Fellowship. It was while she was enjoying this fellowship that she met Rex A. Matzinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Matzinger. They were married on June 14, 1952 and moved to Romeo, Michigan where they raised their family. They enjoyed 59 ½ years of marriage together before Rex died on February 11, 2011.

Dorothy was a charter member of Beta Sigma Phi in Romeo. She was active in the PTA and school fairs, plus church activities at St. Johns Lutheran Church.

After being very busy with five children, she started taking classes at Macomb Community College and finished her college classes at Northwestern Michigan College. She graduated with honors and was again a charter member, this time of Chi Theta Kappa, a national honors sorority. At the age of 65, she received her diploma!

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Rex, her son Matthew; a sister Helen Deason and brother Arthur.

She is survived by her children, Kathleen (Mark) Van Poppelen of Rochester, Ellen

(Buford) Pike of Greensboro, NC, Carolyn Matzinger (Ron Marshall) of Petoskey and Joanna (Paul) Van Raaphorst of Rochester. Also surviving is her daughter in law, Karen Matzinger Dancey (former wife of Matthew) of McComb; ; 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and her twin sister Betty Sholl of The Dalles, OR.

A time to visit with Dorothy's family will take place from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday, June 3 at The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A service celebrating her life will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1896 Rogers Road, Grawn (Interlochen) with Pastor Jason Bauer officiating. Burial will be in Linwood Cemetery at Long Lake.

Dorothy had asked the she be remembered through memorial contributions to Gideon's International, P. O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800 or online at www.gideons.org.

Cemetery

Linwood Cemetery

4242 Church Road at N. Long Lake
Road

Traverse City, MI, 49685

Events

JUN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JUN **Celebration of Life** 04:00PM

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Redeemer Lutheran Church of Interlochen

1896 Rogers Road, Interlochen, MI, US,
49637

Comments



“ I did not know her, but her mail is still going to 3950 Scenic Ridge in Traverse City.
I hope some one can stop this.

thank you,

Al Kuepfer - October 15, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ I remember your Mom with such fondness! I wish we could have gotten our Moms together again in their later years---- they were a hoot together! I used to babysit with you girls when you were our kitty- corner neighbors in Romeo! Your Mom trusted me with caring for you when I was a teenager, telling me that one of the twins as a baby had already had her "BM" that day, and I hadn't a clue what she was talking about--- called my mom to find out! Used to love eavesdropping in on our moms visits, so much laughing and giggling between them! You will always have wonderful memories and funny stories to share. Stay close to one another, and know how much your Mom was loved by so many. She was a lovely woman.

Nanette Hennig Stark - June 09, 2016 at 12:26 AM



“ Some of my fondest memories were when we went camping at La Push campground. Our two families blended together so well. I can to this day hear your Dad and Mom's voices singing when we went to the "sing-a-longs" at night---"john jacob jingle hammer schmidt. La la la la la la laaaaaa!!!!

Rest in peace Aunt Dorothy! You will be missed!

Gwen Sholl

gwendolyn sholl - June 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ How nice Gwen. I remember those times.

Ellen Pike - June 06, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ Dear Matzinger Family! How do you start to remember someone you have never not known? From "skunky school", church choir, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, confirmation, sleepovers, progressive dinners, and so much more I remember your mom's presence her strength and joy and uncommon common sense and how so

many of her sentences ended in a ! I especially remember the week I stayed at your house when mom was away. And last summer playing games and discussing what my family was up to and old times in Romeo. I know you are all comforted by amazing, loving and fun memories and all her love. And the family and friends that have gathered to share this time with you all. Love always, Sara

Sara Simmerman - June 03, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ Dorothy entered our lives through UCF some 65 years ago. We became reacquainted when our son moved to the area in 1981. What an upbeat, Christian person she was! Always helping, sharing, thoughtful. We will miss visiting her when we are in the area.

Walt and JoAnne Holz

Walt and JoAnne Holz - June 03, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ I helped Dorothy around the cottage. She would always say "when you get time put me on your list." My inlaws Walt and JoAnn Holz new her from way back. Sometimes we would just sit and talk she had a lot of wisdom, advice, and opinions. We talked about the westerns we've read and I brought her my collection to read and pass on. But she "road for the brand!" I had many authors but only glanced at them. She would grab up the Louie l'Amor every time. Always pleasant, a smile in her eyes and laughter in her heart! I'll miss her!

sharon holz - June 03, 2016 at 06:30 AM



“ Dear Matzinger family,
Your mom was the bestest friend my mom ever had. My mom will miss her very much. Even when your folks moved away, they still kept in touch. She won't be able to come to the memorial, but she is remembering Dorothy fondly.

Christine Appel Clauson

Christine Clauson - June 02, 2016 at 07:15 PM



“ MSA (my sweet aunt) She would always sign her cards YSA. she was before her time with texting lingo. She had a laugh that could make the room full of joy. One of my fondest memories was camping with the Matzinger family at "the camp". We went to a little country church on Sunday and filled a few pews. I remember her singing with gusto!

She and my Dad were close and so we were able to make visits to Romeo often.

They never tired of the cousins and children putting on puppet shows and pageants. Among her many accomplishments and adventures her greatest joy was her family.
YSN, Nancy

Nancy Thompson - June 02, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ I remember Dorothy while attending St. John's in Romeo during my growing up years. I got to know her better when we worked together at Community Hospital in Almont. We drove together every day we worked together. We had so much fun! I'm sure you will all miss her, but never forget how many lives she touched in a positive way.

Cathie Tulikangas

Cathie Tulikangas - June 02, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ I first met Dorothy one January morning at her office , yes her office, on 8th Street in maybe 1981. We worked together for 15 years, maybe more. And were friends forever.

She ran a tight ship, and as a result we all prospered. We as a group developed a code system to forewarn each other as to what might happen with the next client.

The only one that Dorothy and I could remember was # 8 (short for , don't know and don't care. The best part of this was, Rex was able to come on board with 8 1/2 to add ; and never will.

Dorothy and I had lunch maybe six weeks ago and #8 came up as it always did. We agreed that we worked hard, when it was necessary, but mischief was always calling our name.

To quote co-worker Laurie: Dorothy was special, and always be.

Harry Dickson

harry dickson - June 02, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ This really brought back memories of Uncle Rex & Aunt Dorothy! When we were very little we would visit them at their Long Lake cottage in Traverse City where I first learned to row a boat. Aunt Dorothy always listened to our little tales of discovery with avid interest and we loved our visits.

Deb Brown - June 03, 2016 at 02:50 PM