



Dorothy Hilda Rollert

April 30, 1921 - May 24, 2020

Dorothy (Mullins) Rollert

On Sunday, May 24, 2020, Dorothy Hilda (Mullins) Rollert, beloved daughter, wife, aunt, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend to many, passed away to join so many others that preceded her.

Dorothy was born to George Franklin and Dorothy (Ferguson) Mullins, married Howard Charles Rollert, and is survived by their son Michael Howard Rollert (wife Susan), grandchildren, Thomas Michael Rollert and Kate Rollert French, and great grand daughter, Jane Dorothy French.

An avid tennis player and sailor (who never learned to swim!), Dorothy lived a full life beginning in Detroit, Michigan. A polar bear graduate of Highland Park High School, she originally focused on an office career before meeting her husband, but then treasured many years of childrearing together. Howard's career advancement took them to several Midwestern cities, but they owned a retreat, now a part of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, that returned them to Northern Michigan, at least in the summer.

Reentering the work force as a cartographer in Rockford, Illinois, ignited a return to Dorothy's true passion, watercolor artistry. Her art interest began at age eleven as she and classmates of the Detroit Society of Arts & Crafts frequented artist Diego Rivera's creation of the DIA's numerous frescos entitled Detroit Industry. Though mostly self-taught, Dorothy studied with other artists eventually sharing her knowledge, teaching students for over 30 years and exhibiting hundreds of original works mainly in the Midwest. Sales of her works funded travel not only to exhibitions, but destinations in both the US and Europe that inspired more painting. Her paintings are held in private collections in England, Ireland, Japan, and across much of the United States and Canada.

Retiring back to Michigan in 1976, Dorothy and Howard enjoyed many years together, working a studio to frame her ongoing paintings and continuing to exhibit. In 2015 Dorothy

contributed her entire collection of framed artworks to the Battle Creek Art Center allowing a downscaling move to be near family in Traverse City and a return to Northern Michigan.

Interment with Howard at Beckley Cemetery in Battle Creek. Enjoy your personal memories of Dorothy in lieu of services and memorials currently restricted, rejoicing in her new journey.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Dorothy's family at her tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Arrangements provided through Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home of Traverse City.

Comments



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VICKI ABRISZ RYAL - September 02, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Sorry for your loss at this difficult time to mourn. I was just looking up Dorothy's name on the internet because I have two of her paintings that I love. They were purchased at the Methodist Manor in Marionville, Mo. They were in storage after a move. I just got them out today to see where to hang them. I see she loved painting flowers. I love to photograph local wildflowers.

VICKI ABRISZ RYAL - September 02, 2020 at 04:06 PM



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Michael Rollert - June 20, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ I was so sorry to see that Ms. Dorothy passed. I had recently been thinking about her. I was one of the drivers when she was using Battle Creek transit. She was considerate, interesting, fun passenger. I use to joke she should paint in Egypt in a white brim hat and white dusters while I'd hold her parasol. She was so proud of her family. We were all so lucky to know her. She was very talented and nice person. She will be missed.

Sincerest sympathy,
Myrna permelia

myrna permelia - June 06, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Mrs. Rollert was wonderful neighbor on Brentwood Dr. Always taking an interest in our children’s lives. She left a special place in our hearts. We are sorry for your loss.
The Haley Family

carrie Haley - June 04, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ We are sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. She was a friend, and fellow member of the SWM Watercolor Society. Fortunately, we have one of her beautiful paintings to remember her by. She was generous in sharing her techniques with fellow painters, and a pleasure to visit with; My painting friends and I learned much from her Art Center classes. She will be missed by all of us whose lives she touched.

James Schoenmeyer - June 02, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Dorothy stayed very briefly at Heritage Assisted Living in Battle Creek, and yet left good memories with all of us. I treasure several pieces of her art work and multiple bookmarks, and they will be a lasting legacy of a lovely, strong-willed but gracious lady.

Lori Kneeland - May 31, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ Such a wonderful lady, with a wonderful life and family. We know she will be missed, but what an honor and joy to have had her on this planet. We are so honored and blessed to be a part of the Rollert's world - and she was a huge part of that. Love,
Kitty and Steven Leonard

Steven K Leonard - May 30, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ Dorothy was a kind person and a talented artist. I always enjoyed chatting with her at KCC when she would participate in the the BC Society of Artists monthly meetings, and at the Art Center of BC, and various art events around town. She will be missed.
-Pete Williams, Kellogg Community College. .

Pete Williams - May 30, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ Dorothy was like an icon artist. Truely an inspiration to many of us, especially in the BCSEA. So much passion and love of her teaching and artwork. We love her and will miss her as a friend , as well. Condolences to her son and family.

Julie Chapman - May 30, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ Fond memories grace endless walls of those who have painted with Dorothy.

Julie Crandall - May 30, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Dorothy was the first to invite me to her home and share her painting knowledge and encouragement when I first joined the BC Society of Artists. She was a talented artist and dear lady with a delightful sense of humor. “And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”
(William Shakespeare, Hamlet)

Sharon Dreese - May 30, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Dorothy was the sweetest, most gentle person, artist & friend. I love her endlessly. When I first met Dorothy, in my first class which she was teaching, I could basically draw a stick man. She taught me to do complete paintings with lots of help from her. Dorothy soon became my always special friend.

She would tell me “oh you can do it; you will get it; just do it this way.”

I loved visiting with her at home until she moved to Be closer with family.

My thoughts & prayers are with you, Mike, Susan & each of your family, with the loss of Dorothy.

Maxi Thomason & Don

Maxi Thomason - May 30, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ I saw where she was teaching watercolor painting thru adult classes at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, Mi and she was such an encouraging teacher and friend and I had many years of friendship with her. I remember Howard & Mike when they stopped by my farm house in Joppa, Mi to see if they could harvest some sprout trees for their home. After that is when I met Dorothy. What a gracious and talented lady. She is missed and loved
Elaine Avery

Elaine Avery - May 31, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Mike and Sue,
Your mom has entered peace eternal with a wonderful legacy of memories to sustain not only you but our community.
Jenny Moore, First Presbyterian Church, BC

Jennifer - May 30, 2020 at 07:14 AM



“ Dorothy was a kind soul who was generous in her praise of her students. I felt we had an inside joke when she said I had talent with a twinkle in her eye.

Jay Hoorn



Jay Hoorn - May 29, 2020 at 10:20 PM



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Michael Rollert - May 28, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of her passing. She was a good friend of my mother. Leone Keyser. I am lucky enough to have a few of Dorothy's paintings which I cherish. She brought joy to the world.

James Keyser

James Keyser - May 28, 2020 at 07:51 AM



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“ Michael Rollert lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Hilda Rollert



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Michael Rollert - May 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Jane Dorothy French visits Great Grandma Dorothy's Glen Eagle Apartment in March 2020

Michael - May 27, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ She and Margot Peet, my Mother-in-law, were really good friends. When my husband and I moved to Michigan and Margot convince me to become a member of the Battle Creek Society of Artists I was lucky enough to meet Dorothy. She was a lovely lady, she could always bring a smile to my face. Over the years I visited with her when I drove Margo to her house. She invited me down to her studio in the basement and see her gallery.

I remember the time she took in creating each Christmas card she sent out every year, she really loved painting and it showed.

I remember seeing her and Howard at different art shows in the area, and they always had a smile for everyone who walked up to their space. Friendly couple!

Sympathy to her family, she will be missed by so many people.

Susan Peet

Susan Peet - May 31, 2020 at 08:07 PM