



Evelyn Rose Dugan

June 8, 1930 - December 11, 2016

Evelyn (Drabek) Dugan of Traverse City died Sunday December 11, 2016. She was born in the family farmhouse near Hillhead, South Dakota on June 8, 1930 to Adolph and Mary (Najmajstr) Drabek.

Evelyn was dedicated to taking care of those she loved her whole life and her passing leaves a gaping hole in the hearts of those who knew her. She graduated from Veblen (South Dakota) High School and went on to receive a Nursing degree from Barton School of Nursing in Watertown, South Dakota in 1951. She was very proud of being a nurse and enjoyed every minute of her career until she retired from active nursing after the birth of her second child in 1961. She kept her RN license current through the 70's.

On April 19, 1958 she married the love of her life, William (Bill) Dugan in Los Angeles, California. They lived in Long Beach California and had three children before moving to Detroit Michigan in 1965. A year and a half later they moved into a new house in Farmington Hills, Michigan three months before her fourth and last child was born.

On February 10, 1974 the family was in a car accident that took the life of Evelyn's husband, Bill and their 10-year-old son Kevin. Though critically injured and hospitalized for six weeks, Evelyn remained strong and helped her remaining children to heal and go on to live successful lives, supporting them in whatever they needed until her death. She never remarried.

In 2001 Evelyn moved to Traverse City, where her three children had settled to be near them and her grandchildren. She took them on many family vacations, celebrated birthdays and holidays and attended all of their activities, the last one being her daughter's bike race just a few weeks before her death. She was well known for her very vocal encouragement at her grandchildren's sporting events.

Over the years Evelyn has been involved in many activities, finding and giving joy in all of them. To name a few, square dancing, Red Hat Ladies, Al-Anon, line dancing, and always,

her church. Wherever she went she was loved dearly.

Evelyn is survived by her beloved sister Angie (Drabek) White, her children and their spouses, Kathy (Norm) Jones, Mike (Kristie) Dugan, Paul (Jane) Dugan, grandchildren Dave (Kate Smith) Engstrom, Amber (Mike) Dugan Stout, Jessica (Andy) Dugan Wichtoski, Lisa Dugan, Alex Brace and Catie Brace and one great-grandchild, Wyatt Wichtoski.

Visitation will be at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home on Sunday, December 18, 2016 from 4-7 pm with a rosary service at 7:00 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 11:00 am with a visitation one hour prior. Memorial contributions may be made in Evelyn's honor to the Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Events

DEC 18 Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC 18 Rosary 07:00PM
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC 19 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM
St. Patrick Catholic Church
630 S. West Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI, US, 49685

DEC 19 Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM
St. Patrick Catholic Church
630 S. West Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI, US, 49685

Comments



“ We are thinking of you all and holding you in our hearts. Your mom was such a wonderful person -- so fun and loving and kind. And she nurtured that same loving spirit in her family. Wishing you God's peace and blessings.

Sue Thoms - December 18, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ I knew Evelyn through Red Hats and as a parishioner at St. Patrick. She was really a fun lady to be with. Last evening at the 5:00pm Mass I looked over where Evelyn usually sits and it really hit home. She is now no longer here but celebrating up in heaven with Jesus. God bless you Evelyn and help your family through this difficult time.

Mary Lou Beauchamp



Mary Lou Beauchamp - December 18, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ Karol Weisl lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Rose Dugan



Karol Weisl - December 14, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ I will miss your happy smile and comforting words, your one of those golden friends I will never forget, condolences to family and friends.

Karol - December 14, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ Sweet and thoughtful Karol.

Anne - December 14, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ We are sorry to say our flowers will not be delivered in time.....so the order has been cancelled. A \$100 donation will be made in honor of Evelyn to the Father Fred Foundation.

Becky Barrett - December 18, 2016 at 05:24 AM



“ Sue Collier lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Rose Dugan



Sue Collier - December 13, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ Mrs. Dugan was a wonderful person, I have many good memories of her and Kathy from when they lived on Montrose in Detroit. My heart goes out to Kathy and the entire Dugan family.

Frances Janis - December 13, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ Evelyn has been a friend to me for about 15 years. Lots of meetings, lunches and internet messages shared. A lovely woman and thoughtful friend. I shall miss her and her ever smiling face. My sincere condolences to her family, the most precious people in her life. Sandy Lockwood

sandy lockwood - December 13, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ I babysat for the Dugan family for many years and my brothers and sisters were always good friends. Later after we all grew up Evelyn continued to be part of our family and was part of many blessed events in our lives. She loved her family a great deal and every time we talked she would share with me all their accomplishments. She was very proud of each and everyone of them. She would always ask about our family news which took a long time since we had nine children but she was genuine and truly a concerned friend. When the accident first happened all I could imagine was that she was already in heaven. Only her body remained here. I could almost picture her with her husband Bill and little blond haired Kevin with his twinkling eyes. The Lord told her you can go back if you want but then with that big broad smile of hers she responded, "Why would I go back when this place is so wonderful!" I could see her saying, "Now I can be with them in even a better way and I will get things ready for when we will all be together again" Life is a short journey but the dance continues. Rest in peace my friend. Say hi to my mom.

Peggy Stinnet - December 13, 2016 at 01:29 PM



“ Such lovely and comforting words, thank you.

Anne - December 14, 2016 at 07:30 AM



“ So many happy memories. Whenever I would call, Evelyn and I would always have a good laugh! She never missed a friends gathering, or Birthday, or her Wednesday group! Always supportive and committed to helping others. Steadfast, strong and true. Known in our Circle of Hope, and Friendship and fellowship as ; The Hug Lady! She never missed an opportunity to give a hug! Rest In Peace now my friend, all of your work here is done, and now your eternal life is just beginning! I know you are watching over those you love and had to leave behind so quickly. See you again someday, over the rainbow, on the other side!



Anne Walker - December 13, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ Being a nurse Mom was always stitching us kids up. I remember a time when I was a young lad while visiting my Grandpa in South Dakota. My cousin Bruce, a friend, and I were throwing old beer bottles against a cement wall in the basement of an old bar. I sliced my pinky finger wide open when I threw a broken bottle. I ran across the street bleeding like crazy and yelling for Mom. She made some butterfly bandaids, wrapped my finger, and sent me back outside to play. Still have the scar and always used that finger to tell my right from left as a kid.

Mike Dugan - December 12, 2016 at 09:18 PM



“ Wow! What a memory! That's quite a story!

Anne - December 13, 2016 at 07:38 AM



“ Mom, I am so blessed to be your daughter. You loved me so well all of your life. How am I ever going to live without you? My heart is breaking. Yet I am glad that you are finally with Dad and Kevin again. I know that you have missed them for so long. Thank you for everything. Your last words just minutes before your accident were to tell me that you love me. I love you so and am grateful for you and all you gave me.



Kathy Jones - December 12, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ Beautiful memories and photo Kathy.

Anne - December 13, 2016 at 07:40 AM



“ Kathy, when you were a young mom with David, you looked just like you and your mom in this photo! Beautiful!

Tracy - December 13, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ I didn't realize her middle name was Rose. There are a lot of us in Drabek family with that middle name. I see the family resemblance with my mom, Rose, on this picture. Knowing them, they're probably having a laugh up there now!

Pat Maatz - December 13, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ Mrs. Dugan was a very supportive friend of my mother when we were still living on Montrose in Detroit. She and my mom would take turns bringing me and Michael to Kindergarden at Coolidge. When the Dugan family moved to Farmington Hills, Evelyn kept in touch with my mother, offering support, as our father had left the home. Her friendship and support continued even after we moved back to New York.

One day when I was in 8th grade, I came home from school, and my mother was sitting at the kitchen table. She was very upset. She told me that she had just read the "saddest letter I have ever received". It was from Evelyn, who had told her about the accident. My mother wondered aloud, "what is that poor woman going to do"?

It certainly looks like she has done a wonderful job.

Last October, we all gathered in Utica, NY for my mother's funeral. When the discussion turned to all of the wonderful friendships my mother shared in her 91 years, my sister asked specifically if anyone had been in touch with the Dugan's lately.

Kathy and Michael, please accept the condolences of the entire Powers family.

Eternal Rest grant unto Evelyn.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Ed Powers.

Portland, Maine

Ed Powers - December 13, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ What is so funny about this photo is I posted it on facebook last June and made a joke about how I look in this photo. Here is the facebook back and forth on facebook between my Mom and I about it:

Me : Tried not to say it but can't pass it up...too bad such a pretty lady had a piglet for a daughter. Don't usually cut myself down like that but looking at this photo it has to be said

Evelyn Drabek Dugan: You were Always such a beautiful child. Not only me but other people commented on how beautiful you were and are.This one doesn't do you justice.

Me: Only a mother could love a piglet (haha)

We always had a lot of teasing and joking in our family, all of it good natured and healthy. Mom was a big part of it. I will miss joking around and occasionally (like this) pushing her buttons just for fun.

Kathy - December 13, 2016 at 07:05 PM



“ Ed, thanks for sharing your memories of my Mom. When she made friends they were truly for a lifetime. Mike

Mike - December 13, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ I just learned this evening about Evelyn. It took my breath away. I cried so hard. Evelyn loved coming to the Senior Spirits group at St. Patrick. She would call the others in the group for me to alert them to the meetings. She always supported me and would say how much she enjoyed the Senior Spirits gatherings. Every time I saw her, I gave her a hug. She gave such warm hugs. She has touched my life with her spirit and friendliness. I shall surely miss her, but I know she is with her husband and son. What a lovely lady! Kasia Parcia

Kasia - December 17, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ We are so saddened about Evelyn's passing. Her joyful enthusiasm had its effect on everyone who knew her. She always referred to my mother (Betty Evenson) as her forever friend and they truly had a deep friendship from the time that they were infants living next door to one another. Evelyn always called my Mom on her birthday and sang to her; it was always counted on that the call would come and made for a much brighter day. Her loss is deeply felt and we pray that God comforts all who mourn this amazing lady. One never has the right words in a difficult time like this, just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. My Heartfelt Sympathy to the family. Deb (Evenson) Franzen

Deb - December 19, 2016 at 02:50 PM