



Norma W. Durkee

May 7, 1924 - January 18, 2020

Norma Jean (Welter) Durkee was born on May 7, 1924. Norma passed away quietly on Jan. 18, 2020, at Traverse Manor, Traverse City, where she had been residing.

Norma attended Miami University in Ohio. During the summer of 1946 she worked at the Lake Placid Club, New York, where she met her future husband, Almon J. Durkee. They were married on June 14, 1947 in Elkhart and resided most recently in Traverse City. AJ passed away in 2000.

Norma is survived by her seven children, Dee (Peter), David (Kathy), Debra (Harley), Douglas, Daniel (Jan), Darren (Karin) and Darrell (Janice); eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Norma played piano and cello, knit and worked in ceramics. She most enjoyed sewing and was a meticulous seamstress, selling items at local art fairs and from their cottage on Glen Lake.

She loved staying at the family cottage and spent many summer days there.

She was happy traveling with AJ in Europe during the 1980s. Norma was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis Norma's service has been postponed for the safety of her friends and family. Service information is now pending. Once details have been worked-out a notice for service dates and times will appear.

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services is caring for Norma and her family.

You may share your condolences on their website <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Michigan.

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Mary Ann Shinn - March 02, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ My late wife, Ritva, and I met Norma through the Potter's Guild in Lansing and persuaded her to both display her work and be a staff member at our store, Finn-Flair Imports. She was a wonderful and talented woman and we got to know her and Al quite well. We continued our relationship after she and Al moved to Traverse City, visiting them, or later she alone, coming or going to our summer home on Beaver Island. I express my deep condolences to her family and my appreciation for having shared in the life of this exceptional person.

Mike Kamrin

Michael Kamrin - February 28, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ Norma was my neighbor in Bay East many years ago and was such a kind, warm person. We had neighborhood garage sales and her house was the favorite because she had her beautiful art for sale. I still use a tapestry bag she made for me. Sending my condolences.

Liz Bruning - February 12, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ We all lost a beautifully warm, gracious, and kind woman. A model for us all to live by. Rest In Peace Norma. Eternal love, #8

Todd Morgan - February 10, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ My mother was the sweetest, greatest mother. She will be dearly missed. Rest In Peace Mom.
Love always, Darrell

Darrell Durkee - January 20, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ We are a blessed family to have Norma as our mother. Her love continues forward through all of us. We carry you in our hearts. Your loving son Darren

Darren Durkee - January 23, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ Not a day goes by since your passing that I don't think about some wonderful memory of you. How grateful I am to have had you in my life for so long. Your love and kindness will live on in your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Devon Gholam - January 25, 2020 at 11:43 AM