



Dorothy M. Doherty

January 21, 1930 - February 7, 2023

Dorothy Mae (Kraus) Doherty passed away at the age of 93 on February 7, 2023 in Troy, Michigan.

Dorothy is survived by her three children, Thomas Doherty, Susan George, and Constance (Kevin Miller) Doherty, grandchildren Laura (Jim) Harris, Drew Miller, Christopher (Yvonne) George and Abigail Miller, and siblings James Kraus, Nancy Janik, and Virginia Rambo. She was predeceased by her former husband and cherished friend Thomas Doherty and her sister Jane Rech.

Dorothy earned her teaching degree from Marquette University and was a devoted elementary school teacher for close to thirty years, spending most of those years at St. Clement Grade School in Center Line, Michigan. She leaves behind thousands of former students who remember her gentle nature and love of learning.

Dorothy often said that she would “rather wear out than rust out,” and she lived out that wish. In her retirement, she was a tutor for the Macomb Literacy Partners, a classroom volunteer for Fitzgerald Public Schools, and a Chaplain Aide for St. John Providence Hospital. It brought her great joy to share her faith with hospital patients and to offer them Communion and comfort. She was also an avid reader and a passionate gardener.

Dorothy made many friends at Oakmont Sterling Senior Living, and enjoyed bible study, book club, and other activities with them. Her time there was happy and she truly felt at home.

A memorial mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 21st at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Warren, Michigan, with a luncheon to celebrate Dorothy's life afterward at the American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane in Sterling Heights, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity, one of Dorothy's favorite charities.

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

8326 Engleman Street
Center Line, MI 48015

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR 21. 9:30 AM (ET)

St Martin De Porres Catholic Church
31555 Hoover Road
Warren, MI 48093

Tribute Wall

VR

“ *Dit was my second oldest sister - 10 years older but she was like a second mother to me. I will never forget when she took me on the trolley downtown to see an Ester Williams movie because she thought I looked a little like Ester. Afterwards we went to a White Castle and had hamburgers. It was one of the best birthday gifts I ever received. It made me feel really special and all through her life that is the same feeling she gave. me. Talking to her always raised my spirits and she shared her wisdom and sense of humor generously. She will be deeply missed by me and all of our family. She was a very lovely and special sister and friend. I look forward to when we will be together again. Much love, Ginger Rambo*

Virginia Rambo - March 29, 2023 at 03:21 PM

CD

Love you, Ginger 💕💕

Connie Doherty - March 31, 2023 at 05:14 PM

SG

Thank you for sharing a great memory that helps me picture both of you precious women when you were young. Much love. ❤️

Susan George - April 03, 2023 at 12:31 PM

BS

Dorothy has been my friend and Guardian Angel for 40+ years. Always kind, loving. She taught my youngest, Sharon @ St. Clements; & our friendship began. Dorothy, Sharon and myself are counting on your intercession as our pilgrim Journey continues. Merci.

Barbara sadecki - April 11, 2023 at 03:46 PM

JS

“ Ms. Doherty was my most favorite teacher by far. At the tender age of 8 she believed in me and boosted my confidence. She used her influence as a teacher in the best most positive way possible. May she rest in peace. 💕🙏

Jennifer Schaible - March 24, 2023 at 07:44 PM

PW

“ What a wonderful teacher and mentor. Loved her at St. Clement. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel.

Patty Winowski - March 24, 2023 at 06:30 PM

SM

“ Omg this breaks my heart. She was one of the very best. My 1st grade & favorite teacher ❤️ she stayed in touch with my mom as well coming to my moms funeral 18 yrs ago to bring my then 2 yr a bag full of crayons and books to keep him busy. She was beautiful inside and out.

sharon Gajewski Matthews - March 24, 2023 at 05:51 PM

DR

“ my saturday buddy.

i miss you so. i think of you every time i see a cool word, or a garden in bloom. Take good care of Gracie for me please.

Drew

drew - March 24, 2023 at 03:25 PM

SG



Susan george - March 25, 2023 at 11:09 AM

TJ

I feel fortunate to have known Dorothy. She volunteered in a program where I work. Her devotion to helping young children who needed help in school and being a kind and listening ear to people in the hospital was a beautiful gift that she gave us. I work with hundreds of volunteers who all do great things, but Dorothy made a special impression on me. We are better for having had her in our world.

Trista Johnson - April 12, 2023 at 04:54 PM

LC

Such a wonderful friend and neighbor. We enjoyed each other through the years, have many fond memories. Such a beautiful, caring person. Heaven gained a precious angel. 💕💕

Linda Chambers - April 20, 2023 at 06:13 PM

LC

She looked so forward to you and Gracie and Saturdays!

Linda Chambers - April 20, 2023 at 07:01 PM