



## Dorothy Jean Stabile

October 30, 1943 - April 30, 2023

Dorothy Jean Stabile, 79, of Chesterfield Township died April 30, 2023.

Long active in the Anchor Bay community, Dorothy began life in Clairfield, Tennessee, and grew up in Fonde, Kentucky, in the Appalachian foothills, where her father was a miner. Dorothy often reminisced fondly about her joy-filled childhood, romping barefoot across the terrain, eating sweet onions as if they were apples, and being doted upon by three older siblings. Born to Sarah Catherine (Carter) and Luther Waldroup, she moved with her family to the east side of Detroit at age 12. A talented young artist, she graduated from Cass Tech High School's art program.

In 1963, she married Joe Stabile, and they had two daughters, Tracie and Jeanne, while living in the St. Jean neighborhood of Detroit. In 1976, they moved to Chesterfield. Dorothy, Joe and business partners Tom and Beth Stanton started The Bay Voice in 1983. They grew the enterprise into a group of five award-winning weekly newspapers in northern Macomb and southern St. Clair counties. After selling the papers in 1999, Dorothy and Joe purchased and operated Stahl's Bakery, home of the Belly Button cookie. In her free time, Dorothy enjoyed gardening, painting and spoiling her grandchildren. An avid reader, she belonged to New Baltimore Literary Club and served on Chesterfield Library Board. She and Joe also were original founding donors to the Anchor Bay Community Foundation.

Dorothy is survived by husband Joseph; daughters Tracie (Don) McIntyre of Wamego, Kansas, and Jeanne (Bill) Bade of New Baltimore; granddaughters Kathryn (Ryan) Borg and Emily (Josh) Stewart; great-granddaughters Savannah, Elliana and Vivian; sister June Kile of Madisonville, Tennessee; brother-in-law Sal (Carole) Stabile; and many nieces, nephews, and close friends. She was predeceased by her parents, her brothers Robert and Arnold, and a parade of beloved cats, including Charlie and Small Kitty.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 4, beginning at 2 p.m. at Wasik Funeral Home, with a service at 7 p.m. Private burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore  
35259-23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047  
(586) 725-0177  
<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore  
35259-23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047  
(586) 725-0177  
<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ I'm sorry that I didn't learn of Dorothy's death earlier, Jim and I would have attended her service. I have such wonderful memories of working with Dorothy and the gang in the early days of the Bay Voice. Endless hours of work, but also of laughter, joking and camaraderie. I envision Dorothy with her bottle of Pepsi and singing to Roy Orbison as we "put the paper to bed" late into Monday night. Thank you for your energy, talent and beautiful laugh.

*Tish Wirth*

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**Tish Wirth** - May 06, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Stabile.



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May 03, 2023 at 06:34 PM

DR

“ It was a privilege to work with Dorothy and Tom at The Voice. Dorothy had a creative energy that combined with Tom's editorial genius to make the paper an award-winning asset to the community. It was clear that Dorothy cared about those who worked at The Voice, personally and professionally. She will be remembered and greatly missed.

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**Donna Remer** - May 03, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Stabile.*



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May 03, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Dorothy. Her personality brightened a room. Dorothy and Joe gave me my first summer job at The Voice as a receptionist when I was 15 years old. I do hope that happy memories of Dorothy help to comfort you during this difficult time.*

*Julie (VanSteenkiste)Swierczynski*

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**Julie Swierczynski** - May 03, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Dorothy for a long time but for the past six months I have been her driver and it was an absolute blessing to be in her presence. She was always so happy and proud when she spoke about her family. Although our travels were never far, I always tried to make them as pleasant as possible for her. Whenever I seen her name on my schedule, I knew that it was going to be a good day. Rest well Dorothy, you will never be forgotten. -Shabazz*

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**Shabazz Ford** - May 02, 2023 at 08:53 PM



*Thank you so much. Mom appreciate you so much. Thank you for your kindness.*

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**Jeanne** - May 02, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Stabile.*



May 02, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Stabile.*



May 02, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ *72 Nibblers Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Stabile.*



May 02, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Joe: We are so very sorry for the tremendous loss to you and your family. We could not have asked for a better neighbor than Dorothy. We will always remember happier days when she was healthy and working long hours in the yard preparing for the "garden club tours"! Dorothy was a blessing to know and will be sorely missed. Jim & Gayle Davis*

**Gayle Davis** - May 02, 2023 at 03:49 PM

LH

“ Dorothy and Tom and I spent many Saturdays at the old Voice Newspaper office singing as we readied the paper for the printer. Dorothy would be laying out ads and Tom would be selecting the next Elton John song. It was such a great time. So many years later I learned that Dorothy was such a talented gardener and an awesome decorator and painter. Dorothy and Joe were founders and directors at the Anchor Bay Community Foundation for many years devoting their time and knowledge of the community. This is a very sad loss for many. The family is in my prayers.

Lynne Hoover - May 02, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Stabile.



May 02, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Stabile.



May 02, 2023 at 07:51 AM

CW

“ *My Aunt Dorothy was a wonderful role model for me and I will love and miss her always. She is with my Dad, her brother Arnold and my grandparents. Please, keep my Uncle Joe, Tracy and Jeannie in your prayers. She was so very proud of you ALL!* ”



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**Catherine Ann Waldrup** - May 01, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Stabile.* ”



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May 01, 2023 at 03:24 PM