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Dorothy M. Flaherty (nee Zimmerman), age 89, of Lorain, died on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at her home while under the care of New Life Hospice.

She was born on September 15, 1920 in Lorain and has lived here her entire life. She graduated from Lorain St. Mary High School in 1938.

Dorothy had worked as a receptionist at the optometrist office of Dr. Robert B. Miller in Lorain for many years.

She was a member of Mary Mother of God Catholic Church in Lorain.

Dorothy was skilled in sewing, crocheting and general craftwork, through which she created many treasured keepsakes for her loved ones. She loved nature, animals and spending time with her family and friends.

Dorothy Flaherty was a person of great strength, love, compassion and joy that illuminated all around her through her many acts of kindness and her joyous laughter. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Patty), of Cranberry Twp., PA, Tom, of Lorain; her daughters, Patty (Ed) Petronski, of Algonac, MI, Rosanne (Tim) Jackson, of Oberlin, Peggy (Tim) Wilkins, of Elyria, Mary (Klaus) Grm, of Amherst, and Sharon Flaherty, of Lakewood; son-in-law, Rob Rebman, of Amherst, and daughter-in-law, Karen Flaherty, of Vermilion; Grandchildren, Erin Weightman, Carly Palumbo, Conor Flaherty, Ryan Markey, Jenni Markey, David Flaherty, Paul, Joe and Jim Petronski, Kelly Jackson, Patty Wallace, Will, Maggie, Patty and Sean Wilkins, Meghan Garrard, Skyler Grm, Jackie Sivik and Ryan Rebman; and 13 great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Sr. Gladys Zimmerman, OSF, and Catherine Wargo, both of New York, and Alma Ensign of Avon Lake; and sister-in-law, Rosemary Zimmerman.



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She was preceded in death by her first husband, Francis James in 1944 and her second husband, William in 1994, her son, William John, Jr., in 1986, parents, John and May (nee Andrews) Zimmerman and her brothers, Fr. Damien Zimmerman, OFM, and Tom Zimmerman.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst. Funeral services will be on Monday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10:00 a.m. in Mary Mother of God Church, Lorain. Fr. James R. Becherer, will officiate. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

Contributions, if desired, may be made to New Life Hospice, 5255 North Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 or St. Mary's Food Pantry, 309 West 7th St., Lorain, OH 44052.



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MG

Meghan Garrard - Granddaughter posted:

Grandma it has been one year today. I wish I could say that it has gotten easier but I can't. Although, I do find comfort knowing you are looking down on me. You were one of the most amazing people I have ever met! They just don't make 'em like you anymore! I will never forget your smile, laugh, love, and spirit. You will forever be missed, but I guess god can always use an extra angel. I love you and will always see you in a beautiful hydrangea or cardinal. I know you will always be near.

February 17 at 8:00 PM



Margaret L. Wilkins March 4 at 10:04 PM

Love you Mom . I know you're in Heaven . Everything has changed alot ❤️ Rest peacefully , Peggy

BO

Barb & Tom Layton - Salem, Ohio posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the words in John 5:28,29 be of hope and comfort to you.

March 2 at 8:00 PM

EM

Eileen Flaherty Lee - Maine posted:

From booties tucked away for the next generation to the St. Nick that tops our tree each Christmas, Aunt Dorothy's hands have touched our lives in many ways. We are blessed to have had such a talented, beautiful, loving woman in our lives. Our hearts are with you today and during the difficult days ahead. Love, Eileen, Greg, Alanna, Maggie and Andrew

February 21 at 8:00 PM

KN

Karen Dixon-Brzeski & Kayla Dixon -Brzeski - Northfield posted:

Sending condolences to you and your family. I am the daughter of Sharon Dixon(Kolesar). Helen Kolesars granddaughter. Please accept our deepest sympathies to the family. My mom and aunt have always cared very deeply and are there today with you to extend a helping hand if needed. Love, Karen & Kayla Brzeski

February 21 at 8:00 PM



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PL

Patrick Flaherty - Lake St Louis, Mo posted:

I am very sorry to hear about Aunt Dorothy's passing. I think the world is a little sadder without her in it. She and Uncle Bill were two of my favorite people as I was growing up and they remain so. My thoughts are with the entire family at this time.

February 20 at 8:00 PM

JN

Julian Norley posted:

Dave So sorry to hear about your grandmother - she sounded like an amazing person! Julian

February 20 at 8:00 PM

ML

Melody Koviak - Lagarange posted:

I have only met your Mother 4 or 5 times, but she always put a smile on my my face, she just had a knack for that. She was a great person, I know she is up there picking flowers with my Mother. My heart aches for all of you. I will keep all of you in my Prayers. I know i don't know all of you, but my thoughts are certainly with you. Melody Koviak, from Pauls girlfriend

February 20 at 8:00 PM

BP

Barb & Burt Kuhn - Pittsburgh posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Dottie was wonderful, and was, without a doubt, the most kind person I've ever known. Dottie always had a smile for everyone, and had the most infectious laugh! I will miss seeing her and am so grateful that she was able to come to Erin & Nick's wedding this past July. We are all better for having known and loved her. What a corky sense of humor and affinity for all living things. I will treasure the recipes she wrote down for me and her macaroni & cheese will be hard to make without a few tears. Love to all - Barb

February 20 at 8:00 PM

JF

Jeanne Gascoigne - Sebastian, Florida posted:

While I have not seen Dorothy in many years, the blue eyes and brilliant smile in her picture reminded me of school days at St. Mary's. She added so much joy to all those around her. I also have fond memories of both Jim and Bill. Our school days were special. My sympathy and prayers are with her family.

February 19 at 8:00 PM



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DO

Diane Giran - Lorain, Ohio posted:

Sorry for your loss. She will be deeply missed. I will always remember her smile.

February 19 at 8:00 PM

DL

Dan Meyer - Lorain posted:

Our deepest sympathy from old neighbors the Meyer family.

February 19 at 8:00 PM

PL

Paul Ensign - Lagrange posted:

My HEART as well as all my Family took a hit, as well as all of you. I hope you all hang in there and my Prayers are with each and everyone of you. Love you all and sure am going to miss that laugh, Please take care.

February 19 at 8:00 PM

DO

David Perusek - Ashtabula, Ohio posted:

Dear Tom, My heartfelt condolences to you, Kevin, and the rest of your family. Even I know your mother was terrific. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

February 19 at 8:00 PM

BO

Barbara Farrar - Ohio posted:

Dave, I'm very sorry to hear about your Grandmother. In memory of a wonderful life.

February 18 at 8:00 PM

MH

Molly Haas - New Hampshire posted:

Dear Cousins, What a beautiful photo of Aunt Dorothy. My mother told me that when I took my first steps, it was into Aunt Dorothy's arms. She has always radiated kindness, sparked with a wicked sense of humor. I was remembering the cardinal she used to feed at the windowsill -- she named her "Claudia." And I remember a centerpiece of several yellow crookneck squash. She said she couldn't cook any because she couldn't break up the family. Her spirit let her live through tragedy and still share her many gifts. I feel lucky to have known her. Love, Molly

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Timothy & Sharon Fradley - U.S.A. posted:

Our sincere sorrow is with you all in the loss of your Mother, Aunt, Grand-mother and Great-Grandmother! Dorothy had a fine spirit which lives in each of you and you honor her memory by living that spirit now and forever. Love, Tim and Sharon Fradley

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dorothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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