



Dorothy A. Stauss

May 1, 1919 - May 5, 2016

Dorothy A. (Berstler) Stauss, "Grandma Dort", 96, a longtime Grand Island resident, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2016.

Mass of Christian burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Father Don Buhrman will officiate. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Monday at the church with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Dorothy was born June 18, 1919 in Roseland, Nebraska to Martin and Carrie (Kendall) Berstler. Dorothy moved to Wood River and later, Chapman, where she graduated Valedictorian from Chapman High School. On May 1, 1946 Dorothy married Robert H. Stauss and they made their home in Grand Island. Dorothy cherished her four children, Ronald (Kathryn) Stauss of Dallas, TX, Patricia (Thomas) Enck of Grand Island, Robert J. Stauss of Gastonia, NC and Mary (Ken) Gerdes of Shawnee, KS. She was also survived by daughter-in-law, Jennifer Stauss of Sante Fe, who held a special place in her heart. The light in her life were visits from her seven grandchildren, Michelle (Adam) Fitzgibbon, Jon (Liz) Enck, Rob (Joni) Gerdes, Natalie (Raun) Mason, Amanda (Jon) Costner, Michael Stauss and Elizabeth Stauss and her 12 great-grandchildren, Alex, Zoe, Lincoln and Stella Costner, Grace and Abigail Gerdes, Heidi and Erich Mason, Hayden, Hadley and Bailey Fitzgibbon, and Tyler Enck. Grandma Dort loved beating them in Canasta and baking their favorite chocolate chip cookies.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and brother, Kenneth Berstler.

Dorothy volunteered for many years at Blessed Sacrament and St. Leo's Catholic Churches and Central Catholic Fine Arts Guild. Her passion was her 20 years as a Foster Grandparent at West Lawn Elementary School, and she was presented the Golden Apple Award for 1996-1997.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Grand Island Central Catholic or Huntington's Disease Society of America.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Vigil Service

MAY 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Visitation

MAY 9. 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy A. Stauss*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Mary, Ken and family,*

My condolences. After reading your mother's obituary, I thought how blessed she must have felt to have had such a long and family-filled life. How wonderful for her and for all of you. I hope you find comfort in the tears and hugs and kind words of loved ones.

Stan Ricketts

Stan Ricketts - May 09, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *Dorothy was a very good friend of my mothers and I remember well all her sweet qualities and laughter. I still own a couple of tea towels she embroidered for my wedding shower gift 57 years ago in Grand Island and that makes me think of her often. She was a talented and blessed lady. My condolences to the entire family. May she rest in peace*

Dianne (Wilson) Krolkowski

Dianne Krolkowski - May 09, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy A. Stauss.*



May 08, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ *Ron, Pat, Bob, Mary and all your families,
So very sorry to hear your mom passed away. I remember so many happy times at your house in Grand Island while we were all growing up. We shared a lot of meals and fun at the Stauss home and table.
I can't get off work to come and see you, but wanted you to know I was thinking of you all. She was a great friend to Budge and Marie and talked to mom every week on the phone.
So sad to lose such a great lady,
My sincere sympathy,
Regina (Naughtin) Molczyk*

Regina (Naughtin) Molczyk - May 08, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy A. Stauss.*



May 07, 2016 at 01:57 PM