



Dorothy Jean Harger

May 5, 1936 - August 7, 2017

Harger, Dorothy Jean, 81, of Plymouth passed away on August 7, 2017.

Born in Highland Park, MI, she was the daughter of Carl and Tess Harger. She attended Wayne State University and was a life-long learner. She retired from Ford Motor Company.

In retirement she served as an adult literacy tutor through the Community Literary Council, American Cancer Society Store volunteer, and delivered meals for Meals-on-Wheels. Dorothy loved her family, her home, nature, and canoe trips with her friends. She wishes to be remembered for having the ability to make people laugh and bring them joy. She enjoyed doing things for others that they would appreciate. Her relationship with God is what was most important to her.

Loving mother of Daniel Kafila, Nancy Arnold (Daniel), Gary Kafila (Janelle), and Michael Kafila (Gretchen); grandmother of Angela, Jessica and Nicholas Arnold, Ethan, Seth, Jenna, Ainsley, Nolan and Kendall Kafila. Dorothy is also survived by her brother Donald (Fran) Harger, sister Andrea (Logan) Mathis, nephew Keith Harger (Deana) and niece Cynthia Harger. She was predeceased by her parents Carl and Tess Harger, and former spouses Eugene Kafila, and Yngue (Bob) Linne.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 11:00 AM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. The Rev. Mike Norton presiding. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 18th from 4–9 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be sent to one Dorothy's favorite charities: Amnesty International (amnestyusa.org), Habitat for Humanity, or Detroit Public Television (dptv.org).

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
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Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Jean Harger*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Ione Granaas purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dorothy Jean Harger.*



Ione Granaas - August 17, 2017 at 12:50 PM



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



August 17, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Harger.*



August 16, 2017 at 02:40 PM

BC

“ *Brother Don, Fran, Keith & Cindy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy Jean Harger.*



Brother Don, Fran, Keith & Cindy - August 15, 2017 at 05:26 PM

JB

“ *Dorothy has been my friend since we first met in 5th grade. We stayed in touch through all these years and I will miss her with her laughs and jokes, kindness, and intelligence. We were buddies, Girl Scouts, letter writers, and shared many experiences in our lives. She was my support when I moved from Detroit during high school with frequent letters. She paved the way for me to go on Detroit Girl Scout canoe trips during the summer in what was then a Michigan wilderness even though I lived in Illinois. And years later she joined my Illinois high school canoe group for many summer trips. We organized a reunion of our classmates from Isaac Newton school and managed to share laughs and memories of the people from our youth -- including our 8th grade teacher, James Neubacher. As I look back, I remember being at her house watching Soupy Sales, I remember hitchhiking with her to high school during a bus strike, I remember giggling over cute boys, and going to Girl Scout camps when my mom was the leader. My mom always said, "That Dorothy. She is something else" And she was.*

Janet VanDerSluys Brown.

Janet V Brown - August 15, 2017 at 04:06 PM

DS

“ *Debora (rafferty) Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Jean Harger*



debora (rafferty) shoemaker - August 14, 2017 at 11:53 AM

DS

“ *The Rafferty family met Dorothy when we moved next door to her on Maxwell. Dorothy was a beautiful old soul. She always had some new thing she had discovered and loved to share it. Including to my 1 year old, she would take my daughter into her gardens and taught her about planting, bugs, composting and finally to her treasure trove in the garage. She treated Meghan as her own. Meghan has a complete state quarter collection and at least 25 Christmas Barbie ornaments dating 25 years back, all gifts from Dorothy. Even after moving to Florida, I would still stop in to see her expecting to spend an hour or so. That never happened! She would get me involved in whatever she was studying at the time and we would talk for hours. I still miss our over the fence backyard talks. Her friendship warms my heart, she will always be fondly remembered and loved.*

My sincere condolences to her family.

debora (rafferty) shoemaker - August 14, 2017 at 11:51 AM

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Debbie - thank your wonderful remembrances of Mom. I was trying to track you down to let you know, but couldn't find the right info in Mom's phone book. She loved you and your family!

Nancy - August 15, 2017 at 11:36 AM