



Dorothea Ruprecht

June 15, 1933 - June 9, 2024

Dorothea Ruprecht, age 90, of Macomb, passed away on June 9, 2024. She was born on June 15, 1933, in Liverpool, England.

Dorothea married Warren Ruprecht on July 17, 1954, in Liverpool, England. She enjoyed walking, reading, gardening, shopping and knitting. She loved spending time with family and being in the sun. She enjoyed vacations, road trips and going out to eat and eating anything sweet or savory. Dorothea was a very sweet lady that had a big heart and would put everyone before herself. Her love spread across the pond to her large family over in England.

Dorothea is survived by her children; Lyn (Paul) Mueller, Dean (Darlene) Ruprecht, Lee (Donna) Ruprecht and Audra (Jeff) Nichols, 5 grandchildren; Adam (Lisa) Mueller, Erin (Frankie) Aul, William Ruprecht, Joseph Ruprecht and Shannon Grzadzinski, and great-grandchildren; Brayden Ruprecht, Griffin Mueller, Thea Mueller and Harrison Mueller, along with her extended family that includes, 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Dorothea was preceded in death by her husband, Warren and parents, Alfred and Eily Forshew.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday June 15, 2024, in the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 5555 East 14 Mile Road, Sterling Heights. Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-57737 Gratiot, New Haven.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
5555 14 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Tribute Wall

AM

“Grandma, you are without a doubt, one of the most loving, caring, kind, sweet, and also strong people I have ever known, or will ever know. I have so many memories of you demonstrating these qualities, and I’m going to hold onto them as best as I can.

I always enjoyed when you and Grandpa would watch Erin and I during the summers while our mom was delivering papers. One summer, for some unknown reason, we had taken a strong liking to badminton. You came out and played badminton with us in the backyard by the barn. How many grandmas would do that?

We would sometimes accompany you on your daily walks down the road. For some reason, I recall it always seemed ridiculously hot outside on that sidewalk. I’m certain I didn’t complain at all!

You would always make the best grilled cheese sandwiches using your famous cast iron pan (which is now resting comfortably in a drawer in my kitchen). The grilled cheeses I make on it are never as good as yours though!

I loved whenever Erin and I would spend the night at your house. You would usually make pork roast for us for dinner because that was something we liked and would be sure to eat. Uncle Dean and Aunt Audra always knew when we were going to be staying over if that’s what you were preparing earlier in the day. I remember after dinner we would watch Wheel of Fortune and then Jeopardy. I don’t think you and Grandpa ever missed an episode! We would sleep on the pull-out couch in the front room. I can still picture in my mind how that bed felt.

I loved all of your cute knick-knacks and figurines displayed around the house, your Christmas tree and all of your nutcrackers (several of which are now displayed at my house during the holidays), and of course, who could forget your candy dishes! I’m very happy that a couple of your candy dishes have made it over to my house as well!

I remember going camping with you and Grandpa. We went to Sleepy Bear Dunes, Holland, Caseville, Port Austin, and many other fun spots around the state. One of my favorite stories is that when I would wakeup in the morning, I would peel back the curtain of the camper window, and if it was sunny, I would say, "It looks like it's going to be a nice day today Grandma".

I loved attending the countless family birthday parties, holidays, and general get togethers at your house. It always felt like, more than anything, you loved having everyone over and being surrounded by your family.

I am so unbelievably glad and feel so fortunate that my children have gotten to know their Great Gram and that they have gotten to spend so much quality time with you. Griffin, Thea, and Harrison all love you so much!

You're one of the best there's ever been. I am going to miss you very much. I love you, Grandma.

Adam Mueller - July 18, 2024 at 09:56 AM

“*Dot Ruprecht was truly one of a kind. She is very special to so many people, and I have looked up to her for my entire life. She was so full of love and she dedicated her life to taking care of everyone around her.*

I am incredibly thankful to have so many great memories of time spent with my grandma.

Adam and I used to love sleepovers at grandma and grandpa's house! She'd make us dinner, which was often a moist and delicious pot roast. I know! Pot roast is not often referred to as moist or delicious, but my grandma's sure was! Not that long ago I was talking to Frankie about how mine are always dry, and how I wish they would turn out like my grandma's.

But back to sleepovers... We'd get to stay up late watching movies and game shows, and we were allowed to enjoy endless snacks out of grandma's "snack drawer" in the kitchen that was always stocked with wafer cookies, fig newtons, chocolate chip cookies, and a variety of candy. She'd start by putting a limit on how many cookies or pieces of candy we could have, but she would always end up allowing us to have more.

A visit to grandma's house also included grandma making us one of her "famous grilled cheese sandwiches". All of us grandkids agree that no one can make a grilled cheese quite like grandma! The same could be said about her mashed potatoes. No holiday meal was complete without her mashed potatoes. I always had seconds, even if I was already stuffed because they were just that good. She could always count on William and I to make sure they didn't go to waste.

My grandma loved to travel. I have so many great memories of our family camping trips that we'd take every summer. She loved having us all together. She enjoyed relaxing and spending time with family while reading her latest book or working on her crossword puzzles.

She taught me how to play solitaire and we'd sit outside the camper for hours playing card games or board games and enjoying each other's company. You could always count on grandma to play a board game with you. Sometimes I could tell that she didn't really want to play, but she would never say no. She loved to make everyone around her happy and seeing her family smile made her very happy.

Frankie and I loved having her out to our house to visit. We always made sure to have plenty of milk, tea, sugar, toast and strawberry jam on hand before each visit. You couldn't have just any tea, it had to be Red Rose decaffeinated black tea and only strawberry jam on her morning toast.

My grandma was often the first one up and the last one to go to bed when she visited. Frankie and I loved sitting at our dining room table with her. She wanted to hear all about our latest travel adventures, and we loved hearing stories about her and my grandpa. In one of her recent visits, she told us about her journey from England to the United States. My mom was just a baby when she and my grandma boarded a US Military ship to head to the United States to start a life with my grandpa. The journey took about a week, and she was suffering from motion sickness for the majority of the time. She recalled the whole thing quite vividly and her face would light up as she spoke about my grandpa and starting a family with him. She loved him with all of her heart and I have always admired the love they had for one another. I know that she missed him greatly, but she stayed strong and she continued to find joy in life after his passing.

In August of 2022, "her girls" accompanied her on a trip back to England. I saw first hand how many people my grandma has influenced and touched from afar. She may have been far away geographically, but she stayed very close to her family and loved ones. It was truly special to see her reunite with her sister, our Auntie Jean.

Auntie Jean also enjoyed tea and toast every morning, and it was so wonderful to see them enjoying it together each morning at the kitchen table.

I was only able to spend one week in England, but we sure packed it all in! We enjoyed time with family in Liverpool, we saw the house she grew up in and the church where her and my grandpa were married, and we visited the town of Chester, which was where my grandparents met.

We also took the train and spent a few days in London. We saw a lot while we were in London, and grandma was up for all of it!

We joined the crowd to see the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, and a nice couple allowed us up to the front row because they thought grandma was so adorable. It was a good thing because grandma was not tall, and she would not have seen a thing otherwise. They took her in as if she was their grandmother. I have pictures of them with their arms around her while she smiled and chatted with them. It was pretty special.

We also took my grandma onto the London Eye and we enjoyed a champagne toast while overlooking the city of London. I remember being a bit nervous about getting her safely on and off of the capsules because it never stops moving, but she did it like a champ! She was an incredible lady and she was always up for just about anything.

You can't think of my grandma without giggling about her sweet tooth, and I swear her love for sweets grew as each year passed. She loved to take a grandma sized bottle of Mountain Dew to bed with her each night... Now that I think about it, we never did find out what was causing her insomnia... We all loved giving her a hard time about it but she didn't care. She liked the taste!

There are so many cherished memories and things that I love about my grandma!

** She loved having us all there for Holidays and family picnics. She was always getting us together for pictures but she never wanted to be in them. We gave her a hard time and she'd often cut someone's head out of the picture, but she sure loved looking at pictures of the great times she had with her family, and she'd always have copies in an envelope with your name on it the next time she saw you.*

** For many years I was the only granddaughter, and she would always play dolls with me in the "playhouse" in the backyard.*

** The freezer in the garage that was always stocked with little ice cream cups and push up pops.*

** Late night ice skating parties with her children and grandchildren every winter when the backyard turned into an ice rink.*

** Family baseball games in the backyard behind the barn and she always cheered for both teams.*

** Taking Adam and I to the theatre in New Baltimore anytime there was a movie we wanted to see.*

** Shopping trips to Lakeside Mall and lunch at Arby's*

** The time we went to Arby's after a girls shopping day at Birch Run and we laughed hysterically about the "chicken noddle soup" sign! We seriously caused a scene, we were laughing so hard! She really loved her Arby's but even more, she loved spending time with "her girls".*

** Her love for candy, flowers, birds and the color purple!*

** Her bedside snack drawer in case she got a sweet tooth in the middle of the night. I once had one too, and now I know where I get it from.*

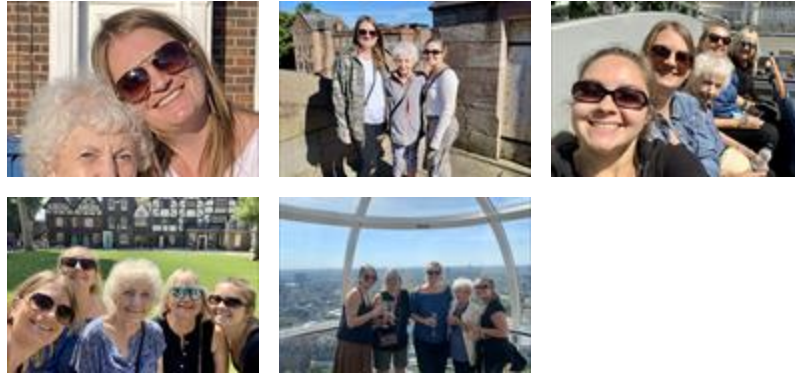
** The way she always made sure your birthday card arrived on or just before your birthday. Even for her family in England.*

** Hallmark ornaments every year on Thanksgiving so you had a new one from grandma to put on your Christmas tree.*

** She was always thinking of others, and she sure did love to wander around Hallmark.*

Not very many people in this world can make an impact on your life the way my grandma did for so many. My heart is full of love for all the times we shared and I know that everyone here today can say the same. She will be missed greatly but I am forever grateful for

the time we all had with her.



Erin Aul - July 15, 2024 at 08:47 PM

AU

“ Dear mom, mommies, little mother... you were right, life does go by fast! I have lost my best friend. There are so many things that I am going to miss about you, big & small! I miss your chipperness & smiling face in the morning & your faithful hug & kiss goodnight with a quiet & meaningful God Bless in my ear. Actually, I'll miss everything about you, mom! Thank you for dedicating your life to all of your family near & far - nobody could have done it better! I hope I grow old like you - with laughter, selflessness, gracefulness, the will to try new things, & to go to new places. A piece of me is missing now that you & dad are gone; but at the same time, I feel some content knowing that you are both together...holding hands & getting ice cream! I'll love you forever! Audra xxoo

Audra - July 07, 2024 at 07:26 PM

EA



Erin Aul - July 15, 2024 at 08:48 PM

LM

“ Mom. I know you were 90 years old, but it was not enough time. I will miss you so, so much. You are one of the bravest people I know. Sixty-nine years ago you left your family and went with the love of your life to a country unknown to you to start a family of your own. You’ve always had a quiet strength about you that I’ve always admired Love you always and forever. Lyn

Lyn Mueller - June 15, 2024 at 03:32 PM

EA



Erin Aul - July 15, 2024 at 08:49 PM

SC

“ Sandy, Paul , Stefanie, Andy, Cindy&Dan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothea Ruprecht.



Sandy, Paul , Stefanie, Andy, Cindy&Dan - June 14, 2024 at 12:36 PM

FJ

“ From Jean purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothea Ruprecht.



From Jean - June 14, 2024 at 04:23 AM

FJ

“ From Jean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothea Ruprecht.

From Jean - June 14, 2024 at 04:23 AM

VW

“ Van Enk Woodcrafters purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dorothea Ruprecht.



Van Enk Woodcrafters - June 13, 2024 at 08:42 PM

JW

“ Jeannie and Tom Wujczyk purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothea Ruprecht.



Jeannie and Tom Wujczyk - June 13, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dorothea Ruprecht.



June 13, 2024 at 05:07 PM

DS

“ *Dr. Mark Stiff and Denine Stiff purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dorothea Ruprecht.*



Dr. Mark Stiff and Denine Stiff - June 13, 2024 at 10:31 AM

LS

“ *My condolences to the Family of Dorothea. I met her back in the 1970s when our little girls, Audra and Jennifer, were in scouts together. Always a smile, but sometimes a little mischievous look about her...anyway, lots of laughs and good memories through the years. Rest in peace, Dorothea. Lois and John Stapels*

Lois Stapels - June 12, 2024 at 11:25 AM

HN

“ *Going to miss her sweet smile & just being around her was always with a smile*

HERBERT NICHOLS - June 12, 2024 at 07:01 AM