



Dorothy Mae Klosterman (Johnson)

August 27, 2013

Dorothy Mae Klosterman (nee Johnson), age 94, of Worthington, passed away peacefully at home, Tuesday, August 27, 2013, in the presence of her three children. Born March 9, 1919 in Hawarden, Iowa and raised on the Johnson family homestead farm three miles east of Alcester, South Dakota. Graduate of South Dakota State University and Alcester High School where she later taught Home Economics and English also at Big Springs. Preceded in death by loving husband of 62 years, Paul; parents, Axel and Matilda Johnson; sisters, Elvira Dykes and Maurine Johnson; brother, Helmer Johnson. Survived by son, Rob (Jennie) Klosterman of Westerville, OH; daughters, Nancy (Charlie) Gardner of Silverthorne, CO and Paula (Urs) Leuenberger of Hershey, PA; granddaughters, Ellen, Andrea and Laura Leuenberger (Keith Orejel), and Samantha Klosterman; nieces, Barbara Demaray and Margaret Addington; nephews, Richard and Peter Klosterman. In addition to teaching, Dorothy worked at a Singer store in Beverly Hills, CA during WWII. Over the years in addition to her commitment to raising her children, she was active in Women's Club, 4-H, Scouts, the Worthington Presbyterian Church and Worthington Schools. In their retirement years Dorothy and Paul enjoyed many hobbies and treasured the resulting friendships. Dorothy will be deeply missed by family and friends. Friends may call 6-8 PM Sunday and from 10 to 11 AM Monday, September 2, 2013 at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, where the Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM Monday. Interment later at Nathanael

Cemetery, Alcester, SD. Contributions may be made in Dorothy's memory to the Worthington Library Endowment Fund, 820 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085 or the Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com to send on-line condolences.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Mae Klosterman (Johnson)*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Charlie and Cathie Bunk express their condolences to the family. We remember a community contributor who raises a fine family and welcomed us when we visited. A enjoyable memory is sitting in the living room watching Nancy reach to buckle her seatbelt in the living room chair and hearing "Mom" compliment her daughter on a habit well learned (and in my mind, well taught). Our world is a better place because of Dorothy Klosterman's 94 blessed years.*

Cathie Bunk - September 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathy to you in the passing of your mother. After your grandfather and grandmother moved to Alcester, my father, Waldemar, and mother, Helen, moved my brother and I to that farm where we grew up. I have memories of your family coming each summer to visit that farm. I remember your mother telling you kids that she and your dad were married in the living room of that house. May your wonderful memories give you peace at this time.*

Lois Peterson - September 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm watching the clock and thinking of you during this sad time. Wish that I could be with you at the visitation to honor your mom. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Love, Carol*

Carol Wedgwood - September 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Our hearts are so sad at the passing of your mom. We shared a backyard with Dorothy for the past ten years and it is just too hard to imagine not seeing her come out her back door with her bright smile to say hi again. I keep expecting to see her and I imagine I will continue to expect that for a while still. We couldn't have asked for a better neighbor. Our young boys will always remember Dorothy for sharing her Hershey Kiss treats with them when she returned from her family visits to Pennsylvania. I will remember Dorothy as an amazingly strong woman who I admired for living life fully and happily. Our thoughts are with you

Jill and Chris grimm - September 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Paula, urs, Ellen, Andrea, Laura, Keith, and family, Dorothy was an amazing person. What a blessing to get to know her and see her over the years on her trips to Hershey, PA. Wishing you strength and peace.
With Sympathy
Jim, Linda, Julie, Jared and Kimberly

James and Linda Griffith - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Nancy, Charlie and your Family,

Heartfelt condolences to all of you on the passing of your beloved Mother and grandmother. Prayers from your friends at Cabrini College.

Love, Mary Ann Biller-Fischetti

Mary Ann Biller-Fischett - August 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

“ Dorothy was my mother-in-law for more than 33 years. She always was and will be my favorite mother-in-law, and I'm proud to say that I was her favorite (and only) U.S. born son-in-law. Dorothy always occupied a special place in my heart but even more so after the passing of my own mom more than five years ago.

Dorothy's legacy lives on through her three wonderful children: Rob, Nancy and Paula. Dorothy and her husband Paul provided the foundation, consisting of significant love and good mid western values, which allowed their children to become outstanding and successful adults. What better example of how those three developed than by being at Dorothy's side at home to care for her and help her transition from this life to whatever is next.

I have lots of fond memories of Dorothy but our South Dakota vacation several years ago has to rank at the top of the list. Dorothy proudly introduced me to Dorothy's World from the family farm in Alcester, to the Corn Palace in Mitchell, to Paul's hometown in Presho, to The Wall Drug Store in Wall, to the Badlands National Park in Interior, to Mount Rushmore in Keystone, and to the Crazy Horse Memorial in Crazy Horse. We affectionately entitled the early part of our trip the Cemetery Tour since we visited the final resting places of many family and friends. I knew one day we'd be back to lay Dorothy's body next to Paul in Alcester but that day has come way to soon in my opinion.

In addition to being a wonderful person Dorothy was technologically and financially savvy. In her late 80s and early 90s she mastered email, instant messaging and Skype to keep in touch with friends and her two daughters who lived long distances from Dorothy. Nancy and Dorothy took full advantage of Skype to visit and video chat nearly daily to discuss events in each others day or sometimes about nothing at all. It was heartwarming to hear the joy in their voices and the excitement when they would start talking even before the video appeared. "Hey, do you want to Skype with my mom?", was a common question in our house so Nancy could

introduce her mom and our friends. For the past few years Dorothy began her day by turning on the TV to watch the opening of the stock market. Even the market appears to be mourning Dorothy's passing by having the worst monthly performance since May of 2012.

*We'll all miss you Dorothy but we're all better for having known you.
Love - Charlie*

Charlie Gardner - August 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Dearest Nancy,
Mary Ann Biller sent me the notice of you dear mother's death. I read the obituary and was so impressed by all she had accomplished in her long life. You were so lucky to have her with you for so many years. Please accept my sympathy on your loss of this wonderful woman. Love, Candi*

Candi Sicoli - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Nancy, you are so blessed to have had such a wonderful Mom...she will be missed by all.*

David Wedgwood - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM