



Dorothy VanBuskirk

November 3, 1935 - September 23, 2020

Dorothy M. VanBuskirk, age 84 of Farwell, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at the North Woods Nursing Center of Farwell, Michigan. Dorothy was born the eldest child of Arley and Mildred (Phipps) Renner on November 3, 1935 at their family home in Surrey Township. She was united in marriage to Chester L. VanBuskirk on April 20, 1957 at the Gilmore Church of Christ, and the couple enjoyed 55 years of marriage together until the time of Chester's passing in 2013. Although living briefly in other towns close to the area, Dorothy always considered Mid Michigan to be her home. Dorothy loved cooking and reading romance novels, but her greatest passion was watching her favorite television show "The Price Is Right", which she never missed. Those that knew Dorothy well knew that her family was the center of her world, and that she truly had a heart of gold. Dorothy is survived by her four children Gail (Herbert) Varney of Farwell, Greg (Deb) VanBuskirk of Hampton VA., Michele (Jack) Blondin of Columbia, SC., and Kevin VanBuskirk of Mt. Pleasant. Other survivors include her fourteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and her brother Keith (Pat) Renner of Farwell. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Chester L. VanBuskirk, her parents Arley and Mildred Renner, her sister Thelma Yats, and her brother Mark Renner.

Funeral Services in honor of Dorothy will take place on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. at the Farwell Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor David VanBuskirk officiating. Burial will follow in the

Gilmore Township Cemetery. Friends may visit the VanBuskirk family at the funeral home on Monday from 12:00 P.M to the time of service at 2:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in honor of Dorothy may be directed to either Heartland Hospice or to the Obesity Action Coalition. Current Covid-19 guidelines will apply. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be shared on the VanBuskirk family page at www.stephenson-wyman.com.

Cemetery Details

Gilmore Township Cemetery

Farwell, MI 48622

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Kay Green lit a candle in memory of Dorothy VanBuskirk*



Kay Green - September 29, 2020 at 06:35 PM

BR

“ I believe God sends people into our lives for a purpose. This was certainly the case when I arrived here in Farwell to begin my life mission to teach. At that time, Arley was on the board, thus an invitation to have dinner at his home with wife Mildred was extended. Little did I know I was about to be adopted by the Renner family for life. Summer days were spent on the farm and when weather closed schools and isolated us from the world, snow days were spent together enjoying song, prayer, laughter and of course food. Over the years we celebrated holidays, birthdays, graduations, weddings, reunions, and deaths.

As my life evolved beyond Farwell, God blessed me with a home on Rock Lake-also the permanent residence of Chet, Dorothy, Michele, and Kevin. This was the same lake in which Arley had baptized me. Needless to say , Dorothy was my best friend and personal confidant. She was my Angel in time of stress, joy, and sorrow. She loved my son as though her were her own grandson. We shared love of our families and understanding beyond words. She listened-not only with her ears and eyes but with her heart. We shall forever be richer having known and experience this special lady in our lives. Memories are precious and lives lived are blessings. Good byes are inevitable. So having said our farewells to Arley, Mildred, Thelma, Chet, Brian, and Mark, today we bid our beloved, admired and cherished Dorothy our final earthly farewell.

I can only imagine the family reunion they must be having in her new heavenly home.

Barb (Antill) Rude - September 27, 2020 at 11:27 PM

DH

“ Aunt Dorothy you will be forever in our hearts



Darlene Hornbeak - September 27, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ *Janet Huntoon lit a candle in memory of Dorothy VanBuskirk*



Janet Huntoon - September 27, 2020 at 07:30 PM



Prayers for Families and Friends...

Janet Huntoon - September 27, 2020 at 07:31 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Shear lit a candle in memory of Dorothy VanBuskirk*



Rebecca Shear - September 27, 2020 at 02:06 PM

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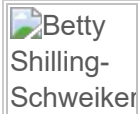
“ *Aunt Dorothy was a very selfless woman! She helped me out with no questions asked no matter if I could pay her back right away. My daughter loved watching the cooking network with her and listening to her sing her hems. I am very grateful for the light and comfort she brought into our lives. She will be missed!*

Autumn Patson - September 27, 2020 at 11:54 AM

KA

“ *I have many fond memories of my sweet cousin. Praying for the family.*
Love, Kathy Brown Crawford

Kathy - September 26, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ *very sorry for your lose both renner and vanbuskirk famlies*

Betty Shilling-Schweikert - September 26, 2020 at 07:23 PM

A square profile picture with the initials 'JS' in white on a grey background.

“ *A beautiful lady with a beautiful smile. Even though her day would be down she would try her best to bring you up. We miss you so much auntie. I will always have the fun memories of you watching the squirrels and the birds out your window. We love you Larry and Juanita*

JUANITA Stoneham - September 26, 2020 at 02:38 PM