



Dorothy Jean Strissel

January 29, 1947 - March 23, 2019

Dorothy Jean Strissel, the middle daughter of three girls, was born on January 29, 1947 in Denver, Colorado to Adam Henry and Pauline (Honstein) Lung. She was baptized and confirmed at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colorado. She attended school in Broomfield, Colorado and graduated from Broomfield High School with the class of 1965. During high school, Dorothy worked for Ed and Raeann Lampert taking care of their 3 children, who she always considered as family.

After high school graduation, Dorothy went to work for The Smith Tool Company and Shell Oil. While on a double date with her sister Beth and husband Mike, Dorothy was introduced to Jerry Strissel who was attending graduate school at Iowa State with Mike. It was love at first sight and after many letters, phone calls and only seeing each other six times in person, they were wed on July 8, 1972 at the United Church of Christ in Lakewood, CO. They established their home in Denison, Iowa. Dorothy adapted quickly from city to rural life, even walking beans for days without complaining. Three daughters were born to the couple: Shannon Marie, Vicki Lynn and Jeri Renae.

Dorothy was a loving wife, mom and grandma who was devoted to supporting her daughters and grandchildren during their school and summer activities. She never missed sending a birthday card to her friends and family and cherished her friendship with her sisters through the years. She loved to bake, cook "concoctions" and collect volumes of recipes to share. You could often see her working hard in the yard, then relaxing on the patio to enjoy time with her hubby and family at the end of a full day. She volunteered whenever she could at school and church activities through the year. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, Iowa and Immanuel Lutheran Church when they moved to Harlan in 1982, an active member of PEO, served as a 4-H leader and was involved with the Shelby County Extension Services. Dorothy had an amazing commitment to participate fully in all aspects of her life, carrying out responsibilities with diligence and never failing to have concern and empathy for others.

Dorothy had an unrelenting work ethic that she has passed on to her daughters. She enjoyed taking school pictures for many years while working at Noble Photography. Dorothy took the most pride in working alongside Jerry and wonderful friends at JFS Associates, LTD since 2005 as the Senior Office Manager, with many laughs as she

taught her husband the art of file management versus pile management.

Dorothy died on March 23, 2019 surrounded by her family at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, Iowa having attained the age seventy-two years, one month and twenty-three days. In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her sister Beth Ann Turner, her daughter's fiancé Dan Montgomery and her granddaughter Payson Nadine. She is survived by her husband Jerry Strissel of Harlan, Iowa; her daughters: Shannon and her husband Aaron Smith of Chisago City, Minnesota; Vicki Strissel of Harlan and Jeri Boyer with Don Barnett of Phoenix, Arizona; thirteen grandchildren; her sister Deborah Peters of Centennial, Colorado; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Events

MAR **Family Will Greet Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pauley Jones Funeral Home - Harlan
1304 Ninth Street, Harlan, IA, US, 51537

MAR **Memorial Service** 10:30AM

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Immanuel Lutheran Church
1700 19th Street, Harlan, IA, US, 51537

Comments



“ I am so sorry to see this. I was online seeing if addresses had changed for late Christmas Cards (my specialty) and saw this. Words can't express how sad we are to see this and sorry we did not hear of this last year. So sorry for your family loss, Dorothy was such a kind and wise person who made our time in Harlan special.

Pat & Louise Donahue
Libertyville, IL

Pat Donahue - January 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Dear Jerry and girls:

We are so sorry to hear about Dorothy. We always enjoyed being with her . She will be greatly missed in the community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during the days and weeks ahead. Our deepest sympathy .

Gary and Carolyn Pool

Gary and Carolyn Pool - March 28, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Strissel.



March 27, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Strissel.



March 27, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ 102 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pauley Jones Funeral Homes, LLC - March 27, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ John and Susie Crabtree purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy Jean Strissel.



John and Susie Crabtree - March 26, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ Dear Doc & family, Very sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. She had such a gentle spirit. God be with you and your family. Mike & Lori L. Weisenborn.

Lori Buckholdt Weisenborn - March 26, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ So very sorry Vicki to hear that your mom passed away. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Jill Gross Tunender

Jill Tunender - March 25, 2019 at 07:30 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing Jerry! We worked together at Safeway years and years ago when you lived in Denison. I remember coming to your upstairs apartment in Denison and she made spaghetti for us! Such a sweet lady. I know you will miss her deeply! Prayers and sympathy to all of your family!

Luci Vetter-Mooney - March 25, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ Dear Jerry and Family,
We are so sad to hear of Dorothy's passing. She was a beacon of warmth and love for her family and friends. We hope you will have many cherished memories of her life to comfort each of you.
Mike and Vida Mazzocco

Mike Mazzocco - March 25, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ Dear Jerry, Vicki, Shannon, Jeri & the girls,
We have had the honor of getting to know Dorothy the past couple years. Dorothy will be missed. We will always remember her thoughtfulness and generous heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Dan & Stephanie Montgomery

Dan & Stephanie Montgomery - March 25, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ Norelius & Nelson - Brad, Peter, Karen and Kris purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Jean Strissel.



Norelius & Nelson - Brad, Peter, Karen and Kris - March 25, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ SK&T: Steve-Kathy-Travis and Kelly purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Jean Strissel.



SK&T: Steve-Kathy-Travis and Kelly - March 25, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ Jerry:
Sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Jerry Boger - March 25, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ Dear Jerry, Shannon, Vicki, Jeri and families,
I was so very sadden to learn of Dorothy's passing. She always had a warm smile on her face. Remembering the great times we had when you lived in Denison.



Lana L Henningsen - March 25, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ Jerry and daughters: You knew me as Janice Miller as neighbor and bus rider and I hope friend. So sorry to hear of your loss to you and your family. You have my sympathies!
Janice Stessman

Janice Stessman - March 25, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ Dear Jerry and Girls:

Dorothy was so dear to us. As she watched our children grow up, we enjoyed watching her children grow up. Her friendship and kindness have been mainstays in our family. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark, Lee and Vicki will see you all at the funeral.

Love,

Raeann & Ed Lampert
Mark & Ruth Lampert
Lee & Pati Lampert
Vicki & Neil Olesky

Mark Lampert - March 25, 2019 at 01:16 AM



“ We will remember Dorothy for her commitment to participate fully in all aspects of her life, carrying out responsibilities with diligence and never failing to have concern and empathy for others. Her love for her husband, daughters and grand-children was a focus of her life and she devoted herself to them.

Steve and Dianne Lawson

Steve and Dianne Lawson - March 24, 2019 at 07:53 PM