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Doloris Mae Rocek, age 90, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2025, at Park River Estates Care Center in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Doloris was born on June 23, 1934, in Kansas City, Missouri. As an infant, she and her twin brother, Donald, were adopted by Joe and Ruth (Randolph) Dugan. Their older brother, Dwayne, was also adopted. The family made their home in Janesville, Minnesota.

Doloris had a deep admiration for her mother, Ruth, who instilled in her a love for family, resilience, and kindness. As a child, Doloris displayed a talent for music, playing the clarinet in the school band and singing in the choir. She was also an athlete participating in basketball and volleyball. After graduating in 1952 from Janesville High School, she briefly attended Mankato State University, aspiring to become a teacher.

Doloris had a variety of jobs in her younger years, including working at the local bakery and helping her parents in their grocery store/meat market. She eventually found her calling as a bookkeeper, where her meticulous attention to detail and dedication shone.

Doloris married Keith Rocek, on April 21, 1957, at the Methodist Church in Janesville. They had a daughter, Karen who became the center of Doloris's world. Their first home was in Northeast Minneapolis. Doloris worked at Donaldson's department store, Minneapolis and Little Jax's, Northeast Minneapolis. They divorced in 1973.

She enjoyed a rich and fulfilling life, full of diverse interests. Doloris loved sewing, crocheting, gardening, walking, and biking. Her love of travel brought her to places like Chicago and Arizona. She was a fan of polka dancing and Bingo, and she remained an avid Minnesota sports fan, especially basketball and football.

Later in life, Doloris continued to share family stories, color beautiful pictures, and take joy in family gatherings. She loved dogs and was a true people person, finding joy in simple pleasures like sitting outside and watching the world go by. Doloris also adored her only grandson, Matthew, attending his school events and always cheering him on.

Doloris was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Dwayne Dugan and twin Donald Dugan; and her beloved grandson, Matthew Zdon.

She is survived by her devoted daughter, Karen Zdon. Doloris will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who were fortunate to know her kindness, strength, and vibrant spirit.

A graveside service will be held at The Church of Epiphany cemetery in Coon Rapids at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I always enjoyed staying at Auntie Dee house and playing with Karen.
On my first airplane ride Auntie Dee put her hand on my knee and said here we go as the plane lifted off the ground. It was so comforting.

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