



## Dorayne Lou Ganzer

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Dorayne "Dorrie" Lou Ganzer, age 80, of Brooklyn Center, MN, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2025, at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale, MN, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on September 8, 1944, to Willard and Donna Smoot, Dorrie lived a full life marked by humor, creativity, and fierce love for her family. She retired from the Star Tribune after a dedicated career and embraced her retirement by pursuing her passions-traveling, crafting ceramics, and collecting all things corn, which she used to fill her home with charm and character.

She was happiest when surrounded by family, swapping stories over margaritas and shared laughter. Dorrie's love for storytelling, her feisty spirit, and her genuine warmth made her the heart of every gathering.

She is survived by her beloved sons, Jeff (Tina) Ganzer and Bradley (Denise) Ganzer; her cherished grandchildren, Melissa (Aaron) Liimatainen, Jocelyn (Bradley) Aasen, Amanda (Joshua) Pallum, Alexander (Maria) Ganzer, Jonathan Ganzer, Jacob Ganzer, Lucinda Ganzer, Joseph Ganzer, and Sophia Ganzer; and her adored great-grandchildren, Taylor LaFrance, Aynsley Aasen, Breslyn Aasen, and Wesler Pallum. She also leaves behind

her sister, Lynne (Gene) Gagnon, and her faithful Yorkie Poo companion, Fred.

Dorrie was a proud member of the Red Hat Society and the NRA. Her strength, individuality, and sense of humor will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel in Crystal, MN. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m., with a service to follow at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to raise a margarita in her honor and share a favorite story-just as she would've wanted.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 8. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *I lived right across the street from Dottie. We were the best of friends. Loved going over there and just talking. Coffee pot always on. Such a super great friend. I will miss her. Jean*

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