



Dorothy Ayres

January 5, 1926 - September 2, 2023

Dorothy Ayres (Zachman)

Our beloved Dorothy left this life peacefully after 7 years at The Legacy of St Anthony on September 2, 2023. She was 97 years old. She touched so many people with her engaging spirit, love of life, and "spunky" personality.

Dorothy grew up in St. Michael, MN on her family's farm with nine siblings.

She met her adoring husband Richard Ayres on a blind date, arranged by her sister Lucille, and was married to "Dick" for 35-years until he passed away at 64 years of age. Dorothy is survived by her loving children, Douglas (Patty), Gregory (Susan), Mary (Tyler) Norenberg, David (Pamela), and Gary (Linda); 9 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; sisters Lucille Baker, Donna (Roger) Dummer, and brother Alvin Zachman. Preceded in death by parents Isadore and Mamie Zachman, brother Leon, sisters Elizabeth, Catherine, Arbella, Mildred, Lenore, and Elda.

Dorothy was devoted to her Catholic faith and attended daily mass at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in St. Anthony Village, calling it her "positive addiction." She also brought communion weekly and led "The Rosary with Dorothy" at Chandler Place for many years and enjoyed visiting its residents.

Dorothy and Dick purchased lake shore property in Wisconsin in 1965, where they designed and built a chalet style cabin. Dorothy would execute the Friday evening "launch" whereby the station wagon would be packed with all five kids and the weekend provisions so when Dick arrived from work, he would jump

in the driver's seat and off we would go. There are countless memories of life at the cabin and Dorothy loved to take her kids blueberry picking, after dressing for "combat" to fight off the biting flies and ticks. The cabin continues to be enjoyed by Dorothy and Dick's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Dorothy enjoyed traveling. With their children grown, Dick and Dorothy vacationed in Florida and Grand Cayman Island with their "dinner" group friends. After Dick passed, Dorothy traveled with her friends to Ireland, Greece, and Germany enjoying different cultures and people.

Dorothy was devoted to her husband and made each of her children and grandchildren feel especially loved. Sometimes her quirky outspokenness raised a brow, but she was always a fun and memorable character. She made an impression wherever she went and had a love for people and her life. She was also an avid tennis player and extremely competitive. She played tennis into her eighties until her arthritic hand could no longer grasp the racquet.

The family extends its gratitude to the caregivers at The Legacy of St. Anthony. A very special thank you for the compassionate care and support from the Grace Hospice team. They were such a blessing to Dorothy and her family during her final months.

The Mass of Christian Burial is Wednesday, October 11th, 2023, at 11 AM. Visitation one hour prior at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in St. Anthony Village, MN. Luncheon following the service. Private family interment - Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Charles Borromeo
2739 Stinson Boulevard NE
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ Doug, Greg, Mary, David Gary: Your mom and my mom (Alice Haupt) were friends for years. The two of them came to visit me in Denver when I lived there and we had a great time. We bought matching pajamas (before it was cool) and wore them every night. Your mom was so fun, so kind, and so full of energy! She had a positive impact on everyone around her and will be missed. God bless your family.

Michelle Haupt - October 12, 2023 at 10:48 AM

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“ C W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ayres.

C W. - October 11, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ayres.



October 06, 2023 at 01:15 PM



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“ My auntie always told things as it is always very spunky told things as it was all the time sometimes things that you did not want to hear but she always told you what she thought that is why I respected my auntie Dorothy so much but when she spoke to you in her eyes you could see the care and love 💕💕

Nancy g u e r t i n - September 18, 2023 at 12:58 PM

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“ I remember my mom Lenore and I happened to be sitting there after playing with my cousin Gary we were kind of getting into trouble all the time over at auntie Dorothy's house and my mom was telling auntie Dorothy quote oh my Lord that kid is so so cute he is so cute " " and then auntie Dorothy told my mom yeah well he is way too damn cute for his own good way too damn cute for his own good unquote that's my auntie Dorothy spunky !!

Nancy g u e r t i n - September 18, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ayres.



September 11, 2023 at 09:17 PM