



Dorothy Mae Erickson

July 25, 1949 - April 5, 2025

Ending her long battle with Alzheimer's disease, Dorothy Mae Erickson (née Hunter) passed into the glory and the loving arms of the Lord at the age of 75 the morning of Saturday, April 5th. She is preceded in death by her parents, Sylvia and Andrew, and her siblings Ruth, Sandra, and James.

Born in Monroe, Michigan, she spent formative years in Mankato and Austin, MN. She was certified as a dental hygienist and practiced her trade for over 4 years. She married LuVerne in 1969, raised two daughters, and joyfully cared for her grandchildren.

A walking saint on earth, Dorothy was a volunteer extraordinaire. In addition to caring for around 70 foster babies over 15 years through Lutheran Social Services, she gave of her time and herself to multiple church functions (Sunday school teacher, worship leader, bible school organizer, Dorcus circle member, communion preparation & sewing quilts), Bucket Brigade (elementary school volunteer), Dinner-At-Your Door/Meals-on-Wheels, high school sewing class assistant, several projects at Pine Ridge Reservation, Habitat for Humanity and countless other organizations. She provided direct care for her mother's final days.

Dorothy loved to laugh and was known for her kindness, generosity, and beautiful spirit by her many friends and relatives. She provided a safe,

welcoming space for many children. A talented seamstress, she created dresses for her daughters and herself, sewed costumes, fixed and patched clothing for many, and fashioned quilts.

She will be missed by her devoted, loving husband of 55 years, LuVerne; cherished by her children Heddy (Shane) and Mindy, remembered by her grandchildren Demaris (Ben) and Trevor (Lizzli), and grieved by her siblings David, Diane (Chuck), Paul (Jan), John (Cynthia), Barb, Dale, and 13 nieces and nephews (Leif, Eric, Cora, Heather, Andrea, Marci, Tammy, Bette, Carl, Sarah, Amy, Jenny, and Cameron).

A memorial service will be held at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church of New Hope on Saturday, April 26th at 11AM with visitation starting one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lutheran Social Services: Give to LSS ' Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (donate.lssmn.org), Dinner-At-Your-Door or Meals on Wheels: Hopkins Dinner at your Door - Hunger Solutions (www.hungersolutions.org/resource/hopkins-dinner-at-your-door/) or Meals On Wheels ' Metro Meals on Wheels (metro-meals-on-wheels.com), Habitat for Humanity Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org) or to the charitable organization of your choice. Dorothy would also encourage you to give of your time to the organizations you support.

Cemetery Details

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church Columbarium

3900 Winnetka Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55427

Tribute Wall

GW

“ *What more can be said that already has not been said about my great friend Dorothy. Dorothy was the best of friends that a person was blessed with. Our friendship goes back a long way and I treasure it and will remember it forever. A few memories were when we decided on driving out in the country to hopefully see the Northern Nights of course we didn't see them due to either city lights or lights from farmers buildings and driving Trevor to Chicago for a visit with Auntie Mindy although we met her at the Wisconsin Dells. Soo... many more stories with my good friend Dorothy. I will miss you dear friend.. God has a special place for you in Heaven. (hospitality)*

Love you forever, your friend Georgie

Georgie Waulk - April 24, 2025 at 01:51 PM

PN

“ *Vern.....so so sorry to hear about Dorothy. I remember the first time I met her....I had recently started at CBE. She came in holding a baby and I said to Marilyn, I didn't know Vern just had a new baby. At the time, I didn't know you two foster new babies. Pat Nelson (CBE - back in the day)*

Pat Nelson - April 14, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JH

“ Dorothy and Vern were who you reached out to when you needed to get something done. Never a hesitation to help. When Cindy and I were deciding who should be God Parents for our kids, there was little need for discussion around who we trusted with that responsibility.
There is no doubt that the celebration in Heaven welcoming Dorothy was special 🙏

John Hunter - April 09, 2025 at 08:10 PM

RL

“ I remember playing with my cousins at Aunt Dorothy's house when I was a kid. She was a warm and generous caretaker and grandmother who created a loving atmosphere for us to explore our imaginations. I have a very fond memory of her laughter. May you rest in peace, Aunt Dorothy.

Rachel L - April 09, 2025 at 01:36 PM

LT

“ Leo T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Mae Erickson.

Leo T. - April 09, 2025 at 07:17 AM

LL

“ My sympathy to all the Hunters and Ericksons. Since Dorothy was the closest in age to me, as children we often paired up to play and bond when the Hunter family visited. It was a special time and she was a special cousin. Her obituary makes me wish I had had more time with her as an adult. May wonderful memories bring you comfort. LouAnn

LouAnn Larson-Gaston - April 08, 2025 at 12:42 PM

AF

“ Aunt Dorothy was one of the most loving woman and I was lucky enough to be her niece! We never lived closed to our extended family - yet somehow she always made us feel like we belonged when we were visiting. I remember hearing my cousins say their prayers at night and they would say every single name of each child the family fostered - beautiful contribution to the world! Thank you Aunt Dorothy - I will miss you dearly and every time I make your chocolate chip oatmeal cookies I will think of you - and that's often

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Andrea Frost - April 07, 2025 at 07:19 PM



The prayer!! I remember that.

Heather Menten - April 07, 2025 at 10:04 PM

CW

I remember my dear cousin Dorothy. Every summer my mother would send me to visit the Hunters in Mankato for about a week. I remember my Aunt Sylvia. She was so loving and welcoming. With eight kids it was a very busy household. I loved my cousins. I had fun with every one of them. I went hunting salamanders with David. Telling stories with the girls and laughing and laughing. I especially remember Dorothy's laugh. She had the best laugh. We all had such a great time together. I loved my summer visits to the Hunters in Mankato. 💜💜💜

Carole Wike - April 08, 2025 at 12:02 AM

DF

“ Dorothy was everything that was said in the obituary and more. There really isn't enough space to list all the generous things Dorothy did without looking to attention or payback. I will miss her.

Diane Frost - April 07, 2025 at 07:11 PM

AF



Andrea Frost - April 07, 2025 at 07:15 PM



Georgie Waulk

Georgie Waulk - April 24, 2025 at 01:09 PM