



Dorothy M Kilian

January 30, 2014

Dorothy Martha (Seep) Kilian, 78, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, January 30th at Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital after a brief illness. Dorothy, known as Dort to many, was born and raised in Melrose, Minnesota, the youngest of 7 children born to Adam and Elizabeth Seep.

After graduation from Melrose High School in 1953, Dorothy moved to the Twin Cities with high school friends. In 1955, she married Robert Leo Kilian who survives. Four children were born to this union: Michael Robert, Joan Elizabeth, Mark Gerard, and Judith Ann.

In addition to raising four children, Dorothy enjoyed a variety of employment experiences over a working career of some 40 years. Her job titles included: day care owner, bookkeeper, convenience store co-owner, housekeeper, and auto parts store owner/operator. After decades of self employment, she began a 17 year career at Super Valu ultimately managing the coupon department at the time of her retirement in 2004.

She enjoyed a variety of sports as a participant, spectator, and devoted mother and grandmother. She was the horseshoe champion at the Seep family reunion. She anchored several bowling teams including the Chili Peppers and Dort was tabbed cayenne. Many of her teammates lovingly referred to her as coach given her vast experience and relative ease in

providing counsel to anyone in earshot! In addition to the multiple bowling teams she was on, Dort loved to play bingo but was known to only report winnings to her husband.

Never one to be outdone, she waterskied when she turned 70. Her children and respective referees regularly heard her "encouraging" vocal support and the sounds coming from a famous plastic horn blown in 20 below weather while standing in a snowbank next to a hockey rink.

In 1998, she traveled with her children to Miami to attend Super Bowl 33, unfortunately, her beloved Vikings decided to stay back in Minneapolis. Her children traveled with her to Reno, Nevada in 2003 to cheer her on at the Women's National Bowling Association tournament. Despite her busy schedule after retirement, Dorothy adored her 9 grandchildren and lovingly attended many school activities; football, basketball, baseball, and soccer games; and a variety of music performances that included marching band and cello recitals.

Dorothy was a devoted 54 year member of St. Gabriel church. She enjoyed singing in the choir, volunteering in the office, and participating in the St. Clare guild for more than 40 years.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Angeline, Irene, brothers Cyril, Elmer and their spouses.

Dorothy is survived by Robert, her husband of 58 years, children: Michael (Kim) Kilian, Mequon, Wisconsin; Joan Kilian-Ikeler (Alan) Spring Green, Wisconsin; Mark (Lisa) Kilian, Clive, Iowa; Judy (Jeff) Kilian-Weber, Golden Valley, Minnesota. Grandchildren: Abby, Chloe (daughters of Lori Ross Kilian); Elizabeth, Elliot, and Kristopher Ikeler; Matthew and Julia Kilian, and Nicholas and Natalie Weber; step-grandmother of Ryan and Justin Fillinger (sons of

Kim). She is also survived by her sister Jeanette Brutger of St. Cloud, Minnesota and brother Don (Jean) Seep of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dorothy's determination and gung ho approach to life were apparent following an August, 2013 breast cancer diagnosis. The family would like to thank Dr. Wadhwa and the staff at Frauenshuh Cancer Center and the staff at Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital for their excellent and supportive care provided to our beloved wife and mother.

Family will greet visitors from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Saint Gabriel Catholic Church in Hopkins on Monday, February 3 followed by a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitors will also be welcomed at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday prior to a Mass at Saint Gabriel at 11:00 a.m., with lunch immediately following. Private family internment will be held.

Memorials may be directed to Notre Dame Academy in Minnetonka, Saint Gabriel The Archangel Catholic Church in Hopkins, or the Frauenshuh Cancer Center in St. Louis Park.

Arrangements handled by Washburn-McReavy, www.washburn-mcreavy.com.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Alicia Stalberger lit a candle in memory of Dorothy M Kilian*



Alicia Stalberger - February 17, 2014 at 07:39 PM

TB

“ *Thinking of you and your family. Time is precious and I know you made ever moment count. Mothers are blessings with strong, warm hearts. Hugs Terri Benson*

terri benson - February 09, 2014 at 07:44 PM

KA

“ *Katelyn and Amelia purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Dorothy M Kilian.*



Katelyn and Amelia - February 03, 2014 at 10:23 AM

JL

“ *Joan and family -- So sorry for your loss. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! This obituary gave me a sense of who your mother was to go along with the conversations we've had about her. God Bless!*

Jane Laufenberg - February 03, 2014 at 07:03 AM

LB

“ *Joan and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Loretta Bilke - February 02, 2014 at 08:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy M Kilian.* ”



February 02, 2014 at 03:04 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Dorothy M Kilian.* ”



February 02, 2014 at 02:25 PM

RM

“ *Ralph M. purchased the A Full Life for the family of Dorothy M Kilian.* ”



Ralph M. - February 02, 2014 at 02:23 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy M Kilian.*



February 02, 2014 at 12:42 PM



“ *Bob and Families. Just heard of your loss. Sending our sympathy and prayers, will be thinking of all of you*
Don and Delores Klassen

Delores Klassen - February 01, 2014 at 06:03 PM



“ *Roxann Roberts lit a candle in memory of Dorothy M Kilian*



Roxann Roberts - February 01, 2014 at 03:11 PM



Bob and family so sorry to here of Dorts passing we always enjoyed visiting with her when you were up in Melrose, she was one great lady. We will remember you in our prayers.

Marilyn and Dave Weber

Marilyn Weber - February 03, 2014 at 05:58 PM

RR

“ *Roxann Roberts purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Dorothy M Kilian.*



Roxann Roberts - February 01, 2014 at 09:40 AM