



Dorothy Lorraine Olson

August 27, 1932 - November 29, 2021

Olson, Dorothy (Tufte), 89, of Minnetonka, MN, died peacefully with her daughters by her side on November 29, 2021. Born in Northwood, ND, Dorothy grew up on a farm then worked as a bank teller. She married Byron Olson in 1959 and became a mother and homemaker. Dorothy loved her family, her wonderful friends, singing in choirs at Mt. Olivet Church then All Saints Lutheran Church, dancing, birds, playing bridge, and volunteering for Meals on Wheels. She was so very kind and respectful to others. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 60 years, Byron, sons Christopher and Byron Jr. (who died at birth), parents Theodore and Constance Tufte, brother Earl (Ella Mae), sisters Jean (Fred) and Gwendolyn. Survived by daughters Karen and Carolyn, grandson River, and brothers Jerry (Della) and Donald (Kathy). The family offers heartfelt thanks to Heritage of Edina staff, who cared for Dorothy and Byron the past few years. A memorial service will be held on December 18 at 1:00pm at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15915 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345. For those comfortable attending, masks and socially distanced seating are required, and for safety there will be no reception afterwards. The church is providing a stream of the service at <https://youtu.be/3ULezfcrDL8>

The family asks that memorials go to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 791568, Baltimore, MD 21279-1568. mealsonwheelsamerica.org

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Condolences to Olson family on the loss of your beloved Mom Dorothy. She was such a kind person who always had a smile on her face. I'm so glad that I had the opportunity to get to know her. May the memories that you have of her bring you comfort during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Jen Witthuhn*

Jen Witthuhn - December 13, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lorraine Olson.*



December 13, 2021 at 07:52 AM

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“ *Dorothy was always so kind and welcoming to me whenever I saw her. I called her once while I was home alone (I was maybe 9 or 10) and scared. She told me to sit on the kitchen counter and put my feet in the sink with luke warm water. I didn't know what luke warm meant so she had to define it for me :). She stayed on the phone for a long time talking with me until I felt better. She was absolutely wonderful. I will never forget that.*

Karis Rygg - December 12, 2021 at 09:15 PM

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“ Dorothy was a very special woman! I called her my second mom. I was her flower girl at her wedding, and she and Byron always made me feel like a member of the family. I remember when Karen was born and they were visiting us in North Dakota. Dorothy handed Karen to me and let me feed her. Such a special moment. I remember her taking us swimming at a local lake in ND when I was young and again here in Minneapolis years later. Aunt Dorothy was always always kind and gentle. Her last words to me were “That’s not a hug!” when I tried to gently hug her in the hospital. I gave her a better hug and then she was satisfied. I can hear her voice in my head and see her in her home with all her family around. I miss you 🥺

Nancy Anderson - December 12, 2021 at 08:54 PM

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Karen - December 12, 2021 at 01:22 PM

KS

“ So much love to all who loved Dorothy! Dorothy was so special to the Carlson family! So many memories...I knew I was part of the family based on the countless memories camping, celebrating, overnights, and growing with the Olson kids! I was in the dog house as often as Christopher and Carolyn...because I was usually part of the trouble! 😭 Rest peacefully Mrs. Olson! ❤️

Kimberly Buckley (Carlson Sharfbayani) - December 12, 2021 at 01:13 PM

KL

“ I’m really going to miss you Aunt Dorothy. Thank you for all your kindness and love. Always a smile for us and making me and the rest of our family feel welcome. You are leaving a big hole in our hearts and we love you. Sending you music and love for my cousins. Kat and family

Kathryn Lehmann - December 12, 2021 at 12:15 PM