



Dorothy Joan Schafer

June 22, 1931 - December 7, 2024

Dorothy Joan Schafer (Boeke), born on June 22, 1931, in Ocheyedan, Iowa, passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on December 7, 2024, in New Hope, Minnesota. She was surrounded by her loving family and the compassionate staff at the Residence of North Ridge Assisted Living Center and Care Tenders Hospice.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William Schafer; her parents, Leo and Rena Boeke; and her siblings, Wilber, Donna, and Bill. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Beverly (Mike); cherished grandchildren, Mark and Cheryl; and numerous nieces and nephews who will deeply miss her presence.

Dorothy's early years were spent on a farm near Ocheyedan, where she graduated from Ocheyedan High School. She furthered her education at a community college in Ames, Iowa. In 1953, she married William Schafer in Worthington, Minnesota. The couple moved to Brooklyn Park in 1957, where Dorothy dedicated 26 years as an elementary school secretary in the Osseo School District, retiring in 1986.

Dorothy and William enjoyed a fulfilling retirement together until his passing in 2000. She continued to reside in their Brooklyn Park townhouse until 2013, when she moved to North Ridge Senior Living. Dorothy was a woman of faith,

deeply committed to her family and friends, maintaining lifelong connections across the many chapters of her life.

A funeral service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church LCMS, 6810 Winnetka Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN, on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by the service at 11:00 AM, with a luncheon to follow.

A committal service will take place on Monday, December 16, 2024, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. Attendees are asked to gather by 10:15 AM at Assembly Area #6, with the service commencing at 10:30 AM.

Arrangements are being handled by Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home. Dorothy's legacy of love and kindness will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
6810 Winnetka Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55428

Church Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rusty and Suzie (Schafer) Fluit purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Dorothy Joan Schafer.



Rusty and Suzie (Schafer) Fluit - December 12, 2024 at 08:24 PM

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“ The Clausen Kids purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Joan Schafer.



The Clausen Kids - December 12, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy Joan Schafer.



December 12, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Joan Schafer.

December 12, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Joan Schafer.*



December 12, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ *My memories of Dorothy go back a long way, we have been friends for over half a century. I met Dorothy when we moved to Brooklyn Park in 1966, she lived right across the street. Her husband Bill and my husband made a foursome that lasted until Bill's passing. She accompanied me to Wisconsin to visit my Mom in the Colfax Nursing Home , we did this every two weeks for the 14 months my Mom lived. She was my support and my dearest friend. I will miss her deeply but cherish the memories forever.*

Pat Hansen - December 10, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ *Ron & Nancy & Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dorothy Joan Schafer.*



Ron & Nancy & Family - December 10, 2024 at 02:29 PM