



Dorothy Ann Stark

May 25, 1927 - September 24, 2023

Dorothy Ann (Shikany) Stark passed away on September 24th, 2023, after having lived a life full of laughter and love. She was widowed by her husband of 60 years, James Ratcliff Stark, in 2009. Dorothy is survived by 5 of her 6 children - Jim Stark Jr. (deceased), Mary Stark (Jim) Blankenship, William (Bonnie) Stark, Nancy Stark (Steve) Muyskens, Betsy Stark, and Sr. Kathy Stark. She also leaves behind her 10 grandchildren - Leah, Bart (Hannah), Peter (Ayesha), Becca (Jeff), Paul (Jenny), David (Ken), Sarah (Paul), Emily (Dean), Caleb (Kendall), and Anna (Shane); along with her 15 great-grandchildren.

After WWII, she married her fourth-grade pal, Jim Stark. For the entire duration of their marriage, Jim kept the above picture in his wallet. They lived in Richfield, MN, from 1950 until 2023. Living across the street from tennis courts, the family became avid tennis players and sports enthusiasts.

Dorothy was a pioneer in the field of chemical dependency. She helped countless numbers of people. Her passion in life ultimately became writing poetry. A much-loved tradition was when Dorothy would write a poem for every family member on their birthday. She joined a poetry writing class at the age of 88. Dorothy was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be from 9-9:30 AM on Tuesday, October 3rd at Lakewood Memorial Chapel. The funeral will be immediately after the visitation from 9:30-11:00 AM, with reception to follow. The address for both the visitation and funeral is: Lakewood Memorial Chapel; 3600 Hennepin Avenue South,

Minneapolis, MN 55408.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Memorial Service

OCT 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Reception

OCT 3. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Garden Mausoleum and Reception Center
3600 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

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“ A poem with due respect a bard, Lived most her life in our backyard; I grew with Dorothy Stark and Jim, In life and church, in gyms and hymns. Within her house I used to play -- Before they bought this home of Jay's*; An early member of St. Nick's, Who led the youth through thin and thick. I witnessed firsthand art by Schulz, With thanks to Dorothy's primed consult: But Jim she left to basketball, Who coached our church teams after fall. Her energy for kids, her wit, And then a bard on top of it; To everyone she was a friend, But sadly, some good things need end. George Kittell *Carlson's

George Kittell - October 03, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Stark.



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

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