



## Dorothy Maxine Rozell

June 19, 1925 - May 24, 2023

Dorothy M. Rozell age 97, longtime resident of Scottville passed away on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Dorothy was born on June 19, 1925 in Victory Township, the daughter of John C. and Rose (Olk) Modjeski and grew up in northern Mason County. On May 17, 1947, she married Clarence Rozell Jr. in Manistee and they celebrated 72 years together before Clarence preceded her in death in 2019. Dorothy was also preceded in death by her daughter Lois Rozell in 2019 and her sons John and Randy both in 2022.

Dorothy supported her country during World War II by working as a “Rosie the Riveter” at Willow Run airport in Detroit before transferring to Continental Motors in Muskegon. She lovingly raised her seven children in Scottville and wore her role as “Mom” with pride. Dorothy volunteered many years with 4-H, teaching skills such as knitting, crocheting, quilting, and sewing. Well known for her cooking skills, she also worked at Gibbs restaurant as a cook, and after her children were grown was the Office Manager for Grange Acres in Haslett, and owned a Yarn store in Scottville and managed a Craft store in Ludington. She enjoyed taking motorcycle trips with Clarence all over the countryside exploring new scenery and they especially enjoyed traveling abroad visiting the world. Dorothy’s greatest joy was always found in the presence of her family.

Dorothy was a proud member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and

was a longtime member of St. Jerome Catholic Church in Scottville and now St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer.

Dorothy will be greatly missed by her children Rea Granger of Scottville, Peggy (Mark) McKinnon of Gardnerville, Nevada, Nell (Robert) von Berge of Holly, and Dr. William (Terri) Rozell of Grand Rapids; her daughters-in-law Sandy Rozell of Florida and June Rozell of Ludington; 48 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great, great-grandchildren; her brother John Modjeski of Manistee; her sisters Gloria Pomeroy of Manistee and Judy (Dennis) Moreau of Laguna Vista Point, Texas; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Dorothy at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with Rev. Daniel DePew as celebrant. Friends may visit with her family prior to Mass on Tuesday morning from 10:00 – 11:00 am at the church.

Those who wish to remember Dorothy with a memorial donation are asked to please consider St. May's Catholic Church or Caritas Food Pantry.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Cemetery

950 W. State Street  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
85 South Madison Street  
Custer, MI 49405

## Funeral Mass

**MAY 30.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Maxine Rozell*



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - May 29, 2023 at 12:08 PM

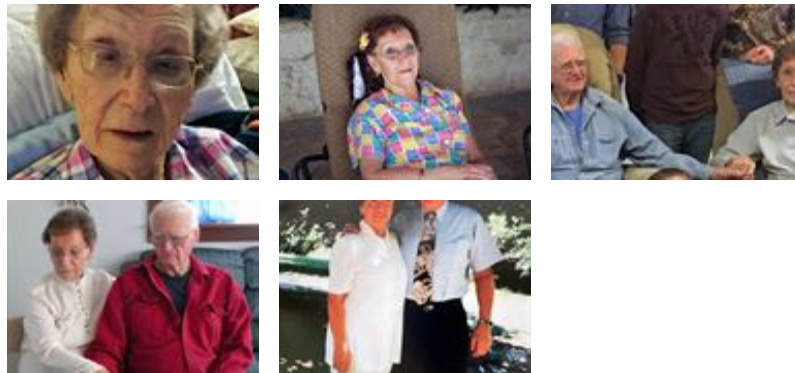
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“ *Dorothy and Clarence were both loving and kind people. I have so many great memories of them. They were always helping and feeding us. I will miss her homemade apple pie, it was the best. They raised amazing children. I feel so blessed to have had them in my life. Love to you all. Emily and Chris and family.*

Emily Schueler - June 01, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *41 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - May 29, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Dear Peggy and all of your family, I remember when Peg and Emily were at MSU and Peg's mom would make cookies and send or bring them to the girls, who were studying and rooming at MSU. I thought to myself, what a thoughtful lady. She was a special, caring individual that loved her family. How lucky you all are to have her for so many years. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Dorothy's loved ones. Respectfully, Alexis Lapenas Gestes-Bradow. Emily Gestes' Mom. I did not bring cookies to MSU but I brought asparagus to Dorothy's celebration and tribute to her contribution to life. Dorothy is a woman to be admired. Rest In Peace.

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**Alexis Bradow** - May 29, 2023 at 11:24 AM

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“ Dear Rea, my sincere condolences to you and family in the passing of your mother. I know it is not easy to lose a loved one, but you should know that you are very fortunate to have had her so many years. God's blessings on you as you grieve.

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**Gregg Walker** - May 26, 2023 at 10:44 AM

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“ The Patrick Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy Maxine Rozell.



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**The Patrick Family** - May 26, 2023 at 10:29 AM

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“ The Patrick Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Maxine Rozell.

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