



Dorthea May Martz

April 8, 1928 - November 26, 2016

Dorthea May Martz aged 88 of Ludington, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Oakview Medical Care Facility in Ludington. Dorthea was born on April 8, 1928, the only child of Clayton A. and Ellen (Allen) Marrison, growing up in the Crystal Valley area before their family moved to a farm in Riverton Township. Dorthea attended Eden School before graduating from Scottville High School, and furthered her education at Michigan State University. On November 12, 1949 she married James W. Martz at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Riverton and they celebrated 52 years together before James preceded her in death in 2001. Dorthea was also preceded in death by her parents.

Dorthea worked for many years as a Teacher's Aide at Riverton and Scottville Elementary schools, but cherished her role as a wife, mother, and grandmother the most. At the schools, she treated every child as they were her own. She volunteered her time for many years with the 4-H clubs in Riverton and served as Superintendent of the West Michigan Fair. Dorthea enjoyed watching the birds that frequented her yard, especially when she was working in her garden. She also enjoyed working on crafts, which included floral arrangements and knitting. She always looked forward to time spent knitting with the Riverton Knit-Wits and with the ladies at Scottville United Methodist Church as part of the United Methodist Women. Her greatest joy came in the company of her beloved family.

Dorthea will be greatly missed by her sons Larry Martz and his wife Cathy of Marshall, Clay Martz and his wife Lee of Woodland, her granddaughters Sarah Lawrence and husband Chad of Plainwell, Kristine Angers and husband Michael of Wyoming, MI, Stephanie Erickson and husband Kyle of Lake Odessa, and Katelyn Saglimbene and husband Timothy of Lansing, her great-grandchildren Norah and Elijah Lawrence, Layla and Grady Erickson, her sisters-in-law Milda Martz, Jay Martz, and Julia Morell, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held for Dorthea at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 30 at the Scottville United Methodist Church with her pastor, Rev. Jack Conklin officiating. Burial will take place at Center Riverton Cemetery. Friends may meet with her family for a time of visitation on Wednesday morning from 10:00 am until time of services at the church. Those who wish to remember Dorthea with a memorial donation are asked to consider either the Scottville United Methodist Church for their Memorial Garden, or the Mason County Historical Society for the Port of Ludington Maritime Museum.

Cemetery Details

Center Riverton Cemetery

2200 West Hawley Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Scottville
114 West State Street
Scottville, MI 49454

Service

NOV 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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“ *My sympathy to Larry, Clay, and the rest of the Martz family.
Sincerely,
Terry Williams*

Terry Williams - March 07, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ *Betty Bauer lit a candle in memory of Dorthea
May Martz*



Betty Bauer - December 02, 2016 at 12:09 AM



this is from all of us on the round barn miller farm sorry for your loss

Betty Bauer - December 02, 2016 at 12:10 AM

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“ *I will always have a special place in my heart for Dorthea. Her beautiful smile, her loving spirit, even her best-bud, Buddy, are memories I will always carry with me. I will miss visiting her at her home, watching the birds and looking out over the beauty of God's creation. She always let me know of her faithfulness, her love, and her support for my wife and me. Her church family and I, her pastor, will miss her labor and her love. Go in peace, dear sister. Pastor Jack Conklin*

Jack Conklin - November 29, 2016 at 03:22 PM