



Dorothy Ann Jesik Redabaugh

July 9, 1923 - May 7, 2020

Our beloved, Dorothy Ann Jesik Redabaugh went home to be with Jesus, Thursday, May 7 at 4:30 MDT. This is a difficult time for everyone in her family because there is a Dorothy shaped hole in all our hearts right now. Born July 9, 1923. And she poured a lot of living into those years and even more evident, lots of love into the lives of those of us who are missing her so deeply right now. Mom was gracious, kind, patient, and as selfless a human being that most of us will ever know.

She was only 39 years old when our Dad, Harold, was killed in a tragic auto accident, but Mom powered up and found a way to raise six rambunctious children on her own. She has always been strong beyond what most of us can imagine. Her self-sacrificial attitude energized her with the grace to give of herself to her family, her extended family, and her church despite this devastating blow. As with so many tragedies, people can use them to be empowered with supernatural will and strength or allow it to take them out completely. My mom was empowered.

She had a memory that was like a steal trap. We have never known someone who was as organized. She was the most thoughtful human any of us have known. One of her favorite shopping trips was to get birthday cards for her loved ones. She would buy them in bulk, often spending \$100's to meet the needs of her thoughtfulness. Then she would prepare a message and say a

prayer for each recipient, often, many months in advance of that person's birthday. She would confess that this was an important way for her to keep those she cared about the most in the front of her mind. And those cards always arrived in advance of the celebration day. Always, with a beautiful handwritten note and money she really couldn't afford to give away.

Dorothy saw value in what she had and did not spend her time in angst for wanting better. It is a tribute to why \$2 would stretch for \$20. She was able to accomplish so much financially, despite having so few resources. This certainly explains why she was so effective as a bookkeeper (her profession when she started working with kids at home). And if someone was in need, she was there for them.

She could get angry without being enraged, was quick to forgive and always available for each of us to console, advise, or simply to listen and empathize with our needs; she found a way to make whoever she was with the force and humility of her love. She was there for all of us, not just during childhood, but throughout our lives.

There are few people who was as determined or who worked as hard as she did. She was also an extremely patient teacher. I remember how thoroughly she taught each of us simple life skills that have served us well into our adult lives – like sewing, cooking, ironing clothes, and the proper way to clean anything, everything.

She had an enormous sense of humor, was quick-witted, a card shark, a puzzle-making master, and someone who had energy to spare. She was always one who looked 15 to 20 years younger than her actual age. Certainly, that comes from good genetics, but for Dorothy it was also that her energy and zest for life was that of someone much younger. She leaves a legacy of family that includes 6 children (Veronica, daughter, and Mark Poss; Diane,

daughter and Michael Salamon; Matthew, son and Rose Redabaugh; David, son and Michelle Redabaugh; Damian Redabaugh, son; Daniel, son and Linda Redabaugh) 9 grandchildren (Brian, grandson and Jessica Soto-Solomich; Eileen, granddaughter and Timothy Bayens; Christine, granddaughter and Yancy Trujillo; Kerri, granddaughter and Saul Fernandez; Kathleen, granddaughter and John Wicks; Nathan, grandson and Jahayra Redabaugh; Leeann, granddaughter and Bobby Howard; and Dori Jo Redabaugh, granddaughter) and 9 great-grandchildren (Ashley and Nicolas Solomich; Gavin Fernandez; Zach and Rylie Bayens; Ellie and Lucille Wicks; Leon and Armand Howard) and 1 step grandson (Ivano Donatelli) and 2 step great-grandchildren (Tarryn and Brent Trujillo).

Yet, her greatest legacy is that of being a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Dorothy exemplified prayer. It was an especially important part of how she kept hope, love, and patience about her through the struggles we all face in this life. Part of her daily routine was the praying of the Rosary.

My Dad was a singer. Not a shower performer, but a college educated, trained professional who not only sang in community theatre musicals, but as a radio and TV announcer had a rather unique program where he sang on the air. This was certainly one of the attractive qualities that made it easy for my Mom to fall in love with Harold. On the day she went home, she had the privilege of being serenaded through one of the CD's of Daddy's music. For our brother who was at her bedside he described her passing this way: "As she listened, comfort and peace came over her as she was able to let go of this life." Then Dorothy entered the next life, in the arms of her Savior and afterward into her Harold's arms as he finished his serenade.

When the six of us kids were younger and all at home, we always ended our evening before bedtime with something that became a requirement from

Mom. I think it helped us keep our love for each other in front of whatever differences or squabbles we might have dealt with that day. We would say to each other and to Mom, "Good night, pleasant dreams, I love you". This nightly greeting is etched on Mom's gravestone. And it is a fitting goodbye to the one we all loved so much: Good night, Mom. Pleasant dreams. We love you!"

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:4

The celebration of Dorothy's life will be scheduled at a future date, due to the current restrictions on gathering and travel. The family would like to extend a special thank you to The Sunny Vista, Colorado Springs staff and Deb from Hospice for the care and love they provided at the end of Dorothy's life.

Tribute Wall

GF

“ I remember she used to call me Nic and I was too nervous to correct her. I remember that she was super happy when she heard anything about our lives, her face would be full of joy, like when we told her how much weight my mom lost or how good I was doing in school. Also I remember that she was treated like a celebrity at the family reunions she was being driven from place to place making it seem like she was the main event. I also remember sitting at the Airbnb house we stayed at in 2017 and she was sitting in a chair blowing out the candles as we were all surrounding her and I sat from a far thinking woah all of us are all from her, without her we wouldn't be here.

Gavin Fernandez - June 23, 2020 at 12:27 AM

DS

“ Dorothy was the kindest, friendliest, and most honest person one could meet. We remember her most for the genuine love and care she had for her family. She would have done anything for them. And of course her family would do anything for her. I think the years she lived were well spent--- and she willingly said yes to leaving when God called her. We find it a blessing just to have known her.

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David and Dee Salamon - June 07, 2020 at 09:05 PM



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Dee Salamon - June 07, 2020 at 03:46 PM



LH

“ *Lovely tribute to your mother. Extending our deepest condolences to your family.*

Lynn Sybrandt Hilfers

Lynn Hilfers - May 23, 2020 at 06:29 PM

LM

“ Grandma Dorothy was a wonderful soul that I can only remember always being full of love and joy. Always welcoming her family and friends and family’s friends in with open arms. I will definitely cherish the memories of playing skittles at her house and rolling around in the grass in her backyard. As a youngling I would retreat downstairs to rifle around the basement in search of old toys and things to get into and I fondly remember seeing shelves floor to ceiling full of preservatives that I regularly enjoyed on toast and sandwiches through the day.

One memory that sticks out to me, is giving her this Christmas (maybe birthday?) gift of a puzzle. This puzzle appeared to me and my family as particularly difficult because it was a black and white photo of President Lincoln, but the kicker, is that it was one of those photos that was made up of hundreds of smaller images... I hope you know the type. Sounds like a really hard puzzle, right? Not for Grandma Dorothy. If my memory serves me right, it was completed in just a few short days, 3-4 I think. I remember this overwhelming disbelief when we got a picture sent of the completed puzzle just a few days later. Puzzle master Grandma does it again.

I know her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will all miss her greatly. She has always been full of stories of her family and loved to share all the moments that filled her with such pride. Any accomplishment, big or small, made Grandma ecstatic.

All of my love!!!
Matthew

Lil Matt - May 22, 2020 at 07:09 PM

MH

“ One of my Fondest Memories as a kid was being over at the redabaugh's home. Living a couple streets over in The Meadows I was over there quite a bit. What a wonderful woman and mother their home was always filled with such energy and love. Rest in peace Dorothy you can be proud of the Legacy you left. Michael Hallisy

michael Hallisy - May 22, 2020 at 09:39 AM

MH

“ Such a wonderful tribute to Aunt Dorothy! I have fond memories of her being my confirmation sponsor and she has always held a special place in my heart. She was an incredible woman and always enjoyed visits with her and the cousins. It was always a fun time. Prayers to the family. May you find peace as she joins her family and friends in heaven. I'm sure she is still watching over everyone.

Mary Lou Henson - May 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM

MA

“ What a very pleasant and loving obituary and what a wonderful lady Mrs. Redabaugh was. She was always a kind lady and perfect neighbor, who we lived next-door to all of our life! Blessings and love to all of her family 🌸

Mary Austin - May 20, 2020 at 11:26 AM

MS

“ Dear Dorothy, thank you for 50 years of your love and friendship toward me. You were always smiling and laughing when our families gathered, and you and I never had a cross word in all those years

You had a special relationship with Margret and Kate, and our kids were always so excited to see you 3 ladies (usually lots of treats and fun)..

You are where you belong now, smiling down on all of us.

Love,

Mike,

Mike Salamon - May 19, 2020 at 02:02 PM

JC

“ What an awesome, beautiful, perfect tribute for Aunt Dorothy. My heart aches for all her family and I send love to all of my wonderful family cousins. She was such an inspiration and role model for all. I will miss her, but at the same time thanking our dear Lord for taking her to her eternal rest. Love, hugs and peace to all.

Judy Chandler - May 18, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *Earth lost a great one and Heaven gained one of the most strong, God-fearing, sacrificing, loving, thoughtful, gentle souls to have graced this world. I am blessed to be your grandson! I will miss receiving your birthday card every single year and our time enjoying rhubarb jam, poached eggs, little smokies, werthers originals, lemon drops, among other treats in that never empty bowl on the piano, and the sound of your lovely Cuckoo clock. I am thankful to you for so much more.. letting me help with your puzzles, letting my brothers and I play that loud but awesome Skittles game for hours on end, and outside in the backyard, and towards your later years, telling me stories of the past, and letting me massage your shoulders and neck to relieve your pain and tension. Much more importantly, I will treasure your principles, guidance, and appreciation for the most important things in life and love; quality time with family, both given and chosen, and friends, and honoring our Lord and Savior. I'll be loving and missing you always, Grandma Dorothy!*



Nate Redabaugh - May 18, 2020 at 07:25 PM

GM

“ *What a heart full and loving tribute to a very special person. Dorothy was indeed that, special. I remember her from our high school days 50 years ago. Like many of the Catholic mothers she embodied grace, faith and kindness. I feel for her survivors. Diane has been one of our dearest friends since the mid 60s. Rest In Peace to all. Our sincerest condolences. Gail and Bud McMahon*

Gail McMahon - May 18, 2020 at 07:07 PM

DR

“ I still remember how she embarrassed me as a “much older in my mind pre-teen”, who thought his speed was unmatched (at least in my household with some extremely competitive siblings). Mom was probably 43 or so at the time. She smoked her over exuberant son in a foot race and taught him an important lesson in humility that day. I think she was proud of herself too. - But not surprised.
David Redabaugh, son

David Redabaugh - May 15, 2020 at 03:11 PM



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Roselawn Funeral Home & Cemetery - May 14, 2020 at 05:47 PM