



Dorothy "Dottie" Borst

May 22, 1926 - May 15, 2017

Dorothy Jean Borst, 90, of Zeeland, passed away on Monday, May 15, 2017 in Logan, West Virginia. Dorothy was born on May 22, 1926 in Wayne, Illinois to Clayton and Gladys (Player) Smith. She received a Bachelor and Master of Music Education Degree from the University of Michigan. While a student, she attended the National Music Camp at Interlochen as a piano major. "Dottie" taught music for 27 years in the Zeeland Public School System. She also served a music ministry at Second Reformed Church in Zeeland as a choir member for 12 years and then as the Chancel Choir Director for 38 years. She was involved in many professional and community organizations including the Music Education Association, the University of Michigan Alumni Association and the Guild House and the Women's Literary Club in Zeeland. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William; and her three sisters; Lillian Carr, Charmione Trull and Mabel McAnnally. Dottie is survived by her children; William Clayton Borst of Kingwood, Texas, Mary Elizabeth Borst of Logan, West Virginia, and many nieces, nephews and extended family. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, May 21, 2017, at Second Reformed Church, 225 East Central Ave., Zeeland MI 49464. A reception will follow the service. Rev. Karsten Voskuil will officiate. Private interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Second Reformed Church or Interlochen Center for the Arts. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy "Dottie" Borst

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mary and Bill on the loss of their Mother. Dottie was such a special person and gave so very much to Second Reformed Ministry of Music. She meant the world to our family and was truly a special lady full of love and care for others. Debbie and Jim Howard"*

A friend - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We were saddened to hear about your mom. We talked on Monday at the hospital but did not realize what the outcome would be. We love you Mary and will pray for your strength. You have always been close to your mom and now you can feel comforted knowing that you have done all you can for her. God bless and keep you."*

Patty Hunter - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Mary and Bill, I'll remember always growing up next door. Your Mom had great enthusiasm in wanting kids to learn to appreciate music. She not only watched my brother and I grow up, but also our two boys and grandchildren. Always smiling, always enjoying her friends and family and also her boxers. Thank you Dottie for wonderful memories. "Mercy", she would say. Our hearts are with her family."*

Patti Bing - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“Dear Mary & Bill....so sorry to hear of your moms passing. She was a wondrrful person! Second Reformed was made so much better by her presence & her talents. May God Bless & comfort you during this time of transition. With love, Casey (Hieftje) Wedeven”

casey wedeven - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JA

“Remembering Dottie with joy and thanksgiving. We're grateful to have met in Dottie's choir! We celebrate her life and gifts. Jan & Craig Hoffman”

Jan - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SV

“Living across the street from Dottie was fun. She would let the neighbor kids play with instruments. I loved going over and playing the harpsichord. God bless you!”

Sue VanKley - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“Bill and Mary,Remembering your mom. A good friend, good neighbor, always a delight to know.Wishing you Grace and Peace, now and in the days ahead.”

Steve Baron - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AS

“I was one of Dorothy's students at Lincoln Elementary School in Zeeland. She directed the choir in my church. I started singing the sacred classics at Second Church as a child. Dorothy gave us a wonderful background in classical music. When my own daughter wanted to attend Interlochen, Dorothy helped to pay her tuition. We appreciated this very much. She was always friendly and so enthusiastic to share music with us.”

Amber Snyder - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BR

“My thoughts and prayers go for your family at this time. Your mom was such a blessing to us all! My friendship with you Mary was also loved as a Zeelander for many years. May our God of love and comfort surround you more than ever.”

Brenda Lepoire Redner - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SO

“Mrs. Borst had a huge influence on me. I vividly remember her classes in Lincoln elementary school. Like so many others, I was extremely blessed by her.”

Sam Ozinga - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ST

“Dorothy was such a sweet lady! I so enjoyed a visit with Mary to Dorothy's home on the lake one Labor Day weekend several years ago. I visited with Mary and Dorothy in Logan, WV, last fall. Mary has been my dear, dear friend for many years as teachers in WV!! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mary and Bill.”

Sue Taylor - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“*Mary, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. Prayers for you and your family.*”

Teresa Justice - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM