



## Dorothy "Dottie" Heney

September 13, 1931 - May 18, 2022

Dorothy "Dottie" Heney, age 90, of Zeeland, Michigan left her earthly home to find her permanent residence with our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at Riley's Grove Assisted Living and Memory Care in Zeeland, with family by her side.

Dottie attended Oakhill Church in Grand Rapids, MI. She retired from her employment as regional director with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 1996. She spent her life helping others and will be missed by her many friends and family. She loved to travel and create memories with each of her grandchildren taking them on adventure trips. She walked the Great Wall of China, climbed the bridge in Sidney, Australia and zip lined over a volcano in Nicaragua while on a mission trip. She was talented and blessed her friends and family with many baskets, stained glass, brooms, paintings and blankets she created. We will miss her stories, wit and humor. Her legacy continues as she passed on her gifts, talents and abundant love.

Dottie was preceded in death by her parents: Thomas E. & Margaret (Kinnard) Heney; siblings:

Thomas E. Heney Jr., Margaret Broadwater; and grandson, Nathan.

She is survived by her children: Mark (Jeri) Kelley, Diane (Donnie) Babcock; grandchildren:

Dustin Babcock, Danielle (Sean) Patterson, Deanna Babcock, Daniel Ralph, Amanda MacDonald, Bryan Ralph; great grandchildren: Devyn, Delaney, Penelope, Molly, Ollie, Josiah; sister-in-law: Marjorie Heney; and nieces who were as close as daughters to her: Peggle Mittricker (Dave Berry), Sue (Don) Franklin and Cindy Broadwater.

Burial will take place in Pennsylvania, and memorial contributions may be given in Dottie's memory to the Susan G. Komen Foundation of Grand Rapids.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy "Dottie" Heney

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Heney.



May 20, 2022 at 10:51 PM



“ Dottie Henney was a beloved lifelong friend of our Mother, Joan Walter Gerichten, since their childhood beginnings together. They traveled to so many amazing places around the world together as heart-sisters, and always enjoyed treasured R&R visits in Florida. They both were talented, loving women who left a tremendous impact on their families, friends, and community. There is no doubt that two lifelong best-friends are having a joyous reunion now, in Heaven. God bless Dot for being such a devoted, lifelong friend and world-traveler companion, sharing countless, treasured adventures & precious memories with our special Mom. Sending our love & prayers to all of your beloved family. With heartfelt sympathy, Karen Gerichten-Salefsky, Bill Gerichten Sr, Bill & Glenn Gerichten and family XO

Karen Gerichten-Salefsky - May 20, 2022 at 10:35 PM



Thank you so much for sharing. Mom and Joan were truly lifelong best friends. Than you for the beautiful plant. It means a lot.

Mark Kelley - May 22, 2022 at 07:52 PM

RS

“ I will dearly Miss Dottie. I feel so privileged to have known her and to have spent many of her last days and months sharing stories, laughing, singing and enjoying each other's company. She brought a lot of happiness to everyone in our community. She was a blessing to her family and likewise, they have been a deep blessing to her. What an amazing testimony of Love and the Love of Christ!

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**Ron Schuster** - May 20, 2022 at 03:02 PM

MK

Thank you so much Ron for serenading her with your beautiful voice and guitar. You truly ministered to her. Everyone at Riley's Grove has been fantastic and become a part of her Family. I know her loss is felt among those who cared for her day by day. Thank you!

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**Mark Kelley** - May 22, 2022 at 07:53 PM

JC

“ Dottie was such a fun & interesting person to talk to whenever we saw each other. It was a pleasure to meet her through Mark & Jeri. She loved to go to any event her family had. We will miss you Dottie - Rest In Peace!

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**Judy & Randy Clarke** - May 20, 2022 at 01:53 PM

MK

Mom loved coming up to the lake and enjoyed visiting with your mom. Thank you for the many years of friendship. It's during these times are friendship matters the most!

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**Mark Kelley** - May 24, 2022 at 10:53 PM