



Dorothy A. Cline

January 13, 1930 - March 3, 2019

WALKERTON- Dori Cline (Dorothy A. Kearney) passed away Sunday, March 3, 2019 at her home in the loving care of her family.

Born to James J. and Frances (Finley) Kearney on January 13, 1930 in Denham, Indiana, she was the sixth of seven children in a family that grew strong through faith, love and respect in times of adversity and times of joy. The legacy and richness of the family and their values lives on in the large family of descendants of Dori's parents, lovingly known as Grandma and Grandpa Kearney.

Dori graduated from Walkerton High School in 1948 and worked at Sears in Chicago and Bendix in South Bend. Later she worked at Dr. Hershberger's office in Walkerton. On April 28, 1956 at Holy Cross Church in Hamlet, she married Richard D. Cline, her husband of nearly 63 years, who survives. Together they enjoyed traveling every summer throughout the U.S. in their Econoline van with their young children and later spending winters in Florida or Texas. Pinochle and slot machines were Dori's favorite games, though not necessarily in that order. Always a quiet helper of others, Dori was a member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church at Koontz Lake, after many years as a member of St. Patrick's Church in Walkerton.

In addition to her husband, Richard, Dori is survived and missed by her daughters, Carla (Mark) Michalski and Julie A. (Barb) Cline; daughter-in-law, Julie K. (Tim) Cline; grandsons, Ryan (Whitney) Michalski, Eric Michalski, Kyle (Laura) Cline, Kayne (Kristen) Cline; brother, Tom (Barb) Kearney; two very special nieces, Mary Serge and Marge Burchiel; caregiver and friend, Vickie Ganger; and 32 other much loved nieces and nephews.

Dori was preceded in death by her son Timothy J. Cline; sisters, Patricia (John) Cowger, Vivian (Clarence) Duttlinger, Ursula (Kenneth) Pratt and Elaine (George) Jachim; and brother, Jim (Peggy) Kearney, Jr.

A Memorial Mass for Dori will be celebrated on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Central/11:00 a.m. Eastern at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Hamlet followed by a gathering at the Walkerton Community Building.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice care, Hospice Foundation, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, Indiana 46545.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake is handling arrangements

Events

MAR **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM

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Holy Cross Church

Hamlet, IN, US, 46532

Comments



“ GOD BLESS AND GOD SPEED DORI CLINE! You Will Always Be Remembered As A Generous, Loving And Compassionate Lady, Wife, Mother And Friend. May Heaven's Angels Welcome You And Give You Peace. Much Love From A Friend You Have Blessed - Todd

Todd Wathen - March 17 at 08:44 PM



“ I didn't know Dori and Dick very well personally, but I do know my Mother and Father, Hazel and Mayotte Arseneau thought the world of them. They were very special in my parents lives. My deepest sympathy to Dick, and so sorry for his loss. I do know Dori was an Angel from God to Mom and Dad ...now they are probably having a few games of pinochle, where they have all been granted peace in Heaven with Him. Kay Arseneau Cheesbrough.

Kay Arseneau Cheesbrough - March 16 at 11:06 PM



“ Thank you for sharing these memories, Kay. I have messaged you thru Facebook, hoping you can tell me more.

Julie Cline

Julie Cline - Yesterday at 09:26 AM



“ Sunday March 10, 2019

Dear Family:

I am writing today to speak to how I came to love my Aunt Dori

Of course, I knew Dori all my life. She lived with Uncle Dick in a house that they built together in in the 1950's on the east side of of Walkerton on US 6. They raised their three children in that house. Carla, Tim and Julie. By my calculations they have lived there around 60 years. I hope you will continue to visit Dick there, for as long as he can stay there.

Here are some memories I have of time spent with my Aunt Dori and Uncle Dick.

Of course, I remember Dick's pool table. I have a lifetime record with Dick of around 86 wins to 2093 losses. He has always told me , "When you play me your going to have to earn it, I ain't goina give you nothin." He didn't. Everytime we played he told me that the picture of my parents next to the pool table was his favorite. He also never failed to remind me that he thought that my mom, Ruth, had raised him. Or at least, she had a huge positive impact on him, especially in his teens, when he

struggled with his own dad.

When Bob and Shirley and I were young our parents spent a great deal of time with their best friends in Walkerton, Chuck and Bon Steinke. Being in Walkerton of course we had to stop and visit Dick and Dori. Good times.

During potlucks at family reunions, even in recent years, I remember that family would always talk about Dori's Cheseecake recipe. It would inevitably be the first desert to disappear.

In the early days, I remember Dick riding around on his motorcycle. On more than one occasion he raised some dust in the gravel parking lot of the Knotty Pine Motel. He stopped, quickly jumped off, dug out his baseball gloves from his saddlebags and in no time he would be throwing fast balls that would sting Bob's hand even though he was wearing a big padded catchers mitt.

Dori was not a passionate traveler, but I remember her pride in making two trips to Ireland.

Often finding Dick working out back in his garage and when I would walk in he would give me a tour, and say, "Look at all this crap I have here", like he didn't know where it came from.

Dori and Dick always going to mass.

Dick and Dori coming to Florida for a few winters.

Dick and Dory running the Motel, in order that Ruth and Boyce could have a vacation.

I enjoyed doing crossword puzzles with Dori. I loved her laugh.

The pride Dick had when he got his zero turn lawn mower.

But my most vivid memory, that I will always cherish is the way they cared for our mother, Ruth, when she was dying of Ovarian Cancer. Together, Dick and Dori decided to open their home to Ruth when she was taking Hospice Care. I will never forget the way that Dori sang and moved around her house with ease when doing her duties. To this day, I see Dori's actions as some of the most selfless, beautiful, and committed actions I have ever had the privilege to witness. I will never forget her.

James Wilson - March 10 at 12:36 AM



“ Oh Jim, thank you for the beautiful tribute and shared memories. It made me laugh and cry. Mom was so private, that I haven't put anything on facebook, but what you wrote is so special I may have to share it, if you don't mind. She was simply a quiet force, never wanting to draw attention to herself. I am still proud of her, and hope I learned a thing or two from her.

Julie - March 15 at 05:44 PM



“ Jim I now know where my best bud got his great demeanor from. His sisters as well. I only met Dori a few times and didn't get to know her that well. From what you just shared I see all those traits in your children. Quiet, caring giving people I am so blessed to have in my life. Thanks for sharing that story.

Pete jansen - March 15 at 06:17 PM



“ The Angels will welcome a beautiful soul to heaven. May you rest in peace, Dori. My sincere sympathy to Dick and all her cherished family.

Anna Anderson



Anna Anderson - March 05 at 04:58 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Dorothy's passing. She was a classy lady. I remember that her and Uncle Dick would stop by at the store, coming to see Mom and Dad, stopping in on thier way from someplace to someplace. She was there for our Mom on her last days. She was a great comfort for me at a most difficult time. I'm sure that they are back together now in heaven. I pray that you find comfort in knowing that too.

Tom Pratt - March 04 at 09:43 PM



“ Thank you, Tom. We all loved stopping at you home and "the stand". It was a treat, whether it was a long or short visit. Seems Mom and Dad had to holler for us more than a few times to get in the car when it was time to go!

Thanks especially for your comforting words.

Julie

Julie - March 15 at 05:26 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy A. Cline.



March 04 at 07:56 PM