



Dolores J. Gjemre

August 29, 1927 - November 11, 2010

KOONTZ LAKE-Dolores J. Gjemre, 83, passed away peacefully November 11, 2010 in Florida Hospital, Sebring, Florida, after a short illness. Dolores was born August 29, 1927 in Hamlet, IN to Dwight and Marguerite (Vieting) Burch and lived in the area all of her life, except wintering for the past twenty years in Sebring, FL. On June 1, 1947 in Hamlet, IN she was married to Donald G. Gjemre, who preceded her in death on August 13, 1995. She was also preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter, Amy Shireman in 2007. Survivors include three daughters, Jeana Shireman of Midlothian, VA, Nancy (Bob) Wieczork of Koontz Lake and Jody (Joe) Rannells of Koontz Lake; five grandchildren, Carrie (Tom) Gwyer of Myrtle Beach, SC, Nicole (John) Arnold of Granger, Lindsey Huff of Chicago, Drew Rannells of Chicago and Abbey Rannells of Los Gatos, CA; three great-granddaughters, Erin, Casey and Molly; three sisters, Marilyn Burch of Grovertown, Carol (Dick) Heinrich of Sebring, FL and Connie Wegner of Cody, NE; one brother, Warren (Sherry) Burch of Hamlet and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Dolores was a 1945 graduate of Hamlet High School, a lifetime member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hamlet and the past-president of the Lake Forrest Beach Club of Koontz Lake. She retired from Howmet Industries of LaPorte after twenty-five years of service.

Dolores' life revolved around her family, friends and music. Dolores, known as

Grandma Dodo or Aunt Dodo to many, was the matriarch of the family. Her children, grandchildren and extended family were the center of her life. She always took a special interest in them individually. Hospitality was her forte. Her home was always welcoming and warm. One could always expect a good time and a good meal. Her musical abilities enriched the lives of many. She was a soprano soloist for church services, weddings and funerals. She was a witty entertainer, performing musical skits. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were captivated by her ability to play any song request by ear.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. (Central Time) at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kyle Wright officiating. Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery. Friends may call Monday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. CST at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel and Tuesday at the church after 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the church. To leave online condolences go to: rannellsfuneralhome.com.

GOD BLESS OUR PRECIOUS SONGBIRD.

Tribute Wall

DI

*“ I knew Delores from being a mutual resident of Sunny Pines. She was such a delightful lady. Not sure who could ever replace her as our choir director in church.
I have many fond memories of her and will cherish her friendship forever.
God be with her family and friends.*

Diane - June 18, 2018 at 12:16 PM

SN

*“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers!
Love, Scott and Amy Nielsen*

Scott and Amy Nielsen - June 18, 2018 at 12:16 PM

WV

“ Emma and I would like to express our sorrow at the loss of our dear friend Dolores - Please know that we were praying for her as we were praying for other friends with health problems. The Lord has taken her to a better and much more comfortable place to dwell in his house for ever more. Be strong and be supported by your large and supportive group of family, friends and neighbors at this and any time of trouble. God Bless You and Yours - Walt & Emma VanDePutte

Walt & Emma VanDePutte - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM

BF

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Dodo was a dear friend to our family. Her bright smile, positive attitude and spring in her step inspired everyone on Kramer Lane. She will really be missed. What a great lady! With our sympathy, love and friendship, The Barko Family

Barko Family - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM

WB

“ Jody, Joe, Drew and Abbey
I send my condolences to you and your family and friends who loved your mother. No one can ever replace a mother in our hearts. I miss mine everyday, but remember all the good times and bad ones too. So cherish your memories, laugh, love and live with those.

Wendy Blair - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM

BG

“ WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW VERY SORRY WE ARE FOR THE PASSING OF DOLORES. SHE TOUCHED OUR HEARTS AS A VERY LOVING AND GIVING PERSON. SHE ALSO HAD A BEAUTIFUL SINGING VOICE AND I'M SURE SHE IS IN THE ANGELS CHOIR IN HEAVEN.
GOD BLESS DOLORES AND ALSO HER FAMILY DURING THIS SAD TIME.
BARB&KEVIN GASS

BARBANDKEVIN GASS - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM

MS

“ Dear Nancy, Jody and Family,
I am so sorry and saddened to learn of this sudden event and passing of your dear, sweet little Mom. She was a gem and a lovely, fun person. All the wonderful family gathering you had and the fun you shared with her and the grand and great grandchildren!
Someone, a dear friend, once told me during my struggles: "We are people of faith. That keeps us strong in knowing that our loved ones are in Gods hands". It made a great difference to me.
Gods blessings on all of you, dear family.
Sincerely, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Summers - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM

SO

“ I always remember Dolores as such a vibrant and youthful person. I remember her as a young bride trying desperately to convince 3-year old Connie to quit playing with me on the farm and go to the wedding practice. I think Connie was having a small tantrum! I know my Mother, Helen Vieting Shields, always loved Dolores and held a special place for her in her heart. My thoughts are with my extended family.

Shirley Olen - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM

DC

“ I often carried her groceries at Dave & Ray's in the lates 60's. She was always very kind, very funny AND very generous! We had a laugh over a glass of wine this past summer and she was amazingly sharp and witty---just a pure joy to be around!
We were very sadden to hear of her passing, she made us all better.

Dennis & Cindy Clevenger - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM

 JH

“ *Dolores was a regular customer at the grocery store where I work. I will miss her cheerful smile that would always brighten my day. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

JoAnn Hughes - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM

 CW

“ *My sister Dolores was 16 years old when I was born. When I was little, she was my glamorous older sister. As I grew up down the road from her, she was a second Mom to me. When my children came along, she was a second grandmother. She made her home our home when we came. Her homemade chicken and noodles were heavenly. My family all loves and misses her.*

Connie Wegner - April 29, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ *I am so very sad, but very honored to have known Aunt Dodo. She was truly amazing and is going to be missed very much. Even though I can not be there please know that I am thinking of everyone.*

With lots of love ,Robin

November 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM