



Dorothy Buddenhagen

June 24, 1933 - April 11, 2020

Dorothy Buddenhagen, 86, of Waukegan, died suddenly on April 11, 2020.

Dorothy Schaefer was born on June 24, 1933 in Topeka, Kansas, to Paul and Estella Schaefer (nee Oberhelman). The family moved to East Moline where her father worked in the Rock Island Arsenal during the war.

Dorothy earned a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Iowa where she met and married the love of her life, Jerold Buddenhagen. For many years she taught in the Waukegan public schools, including a lengthy stint as a regular substitute teacher. Following retirement Dorothy was a substitute in special education.

Shortly after moving to Waukegan, Dorothy and Jerry joined Redeemer Lutheran Church. Throughout her adult life she was active in all aspects of Redeemer's ministry. For many years Dorothy was in charge of the youth choirs. In recent years she was involved in two Bible studies where her faith deepened.

Dorothy was a talented seamstress. Many treasure her creations, especially the aprons with the towel attached. All of the proceeds from the sale of these lovingly crafted items went to MS research. She always had a place in her heart and home for one or more cats. Her other interests included reading cozy mysteries, tending to her flowers, and everything pertaining to music.

For many years she was an avid supporter of Art Wauk and all aspects of the arts in Lake County. Dorothy was accomplished in both the piano and clarinet. For many years she served as principal clarinetist with The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra. Dorothy was a volunteer piano teacher at the Family Piano Store.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her five children: Karl (Gay Cooper), Kathy Walter (Gregg), Paul (Heather), Ruth (Will Hughes) and Barb Cannon (David). She was so proud of her six grandchildren: Rachel, Karolena and Alex Hughes, Zac Buddenhagen, and Cody and

Kara Cannon. Dorothy is also survived by her sister Mary Schaefer. She was predeceased by husband Jerold (2003).

Under the current social distancing restrictions a private funeral will be held for immediate family. During the summer a public memorial service and celebration of Dorothy's "incredibly happy life" (her words) will be held.

Arrangements are under the direction of Peterson & Patch Funeral Home 408 N. Sheridan Rd Waukegan. Please sign our online guestbook at www.waukeganfunerals.com.

Cemetery

Highland Memorial Park

3300 Hunt Club Rd

Libertyville, IL, 60048

Comments



“ To the Buddenhagen Family,

I was saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. We grew up in a great neighborhood, made so by our great parents. You are in our prayers.

Charlie and Maggie Sloan
Yorktown, VA

Charlie Sloan - May 02 at 07:45 PM



“ I will miss Dorothy's cheerful and affirming presence at Family Piano Company. Her students blossomed under her patient way of instructing them. I joined the WSO well after Dorothy's time with them was done, but her influence as a musician and generosity of spirit were always felt. Heartfelt condolences to the Buddenhagen family and all who were lucky enough to know Dorothy. She will be missed.

Roxanne Swanson - April 25 at 10:49 AM



“ I will always remember Dorothy as an avid supporter of all things musical. Once I became a colleague with her daughter Barb, I saw she was devoted passionately to her children and to anything they did musically. She came to literally every concert Barb was involved in that I was conducting and she gave generously to those orchestras. She was strong, reliable, and deeply grateful for life and God.

My sincerest heartfelt prayers and thoughts go to the whole family. I am happy she is with Jesus and her late husband but I know letting her go will be tough. She will be missed but she lived an amazingly good long life! Thanks be to God for her and all she did to serve Him.

Ron - for all the Ardens

Ron Arden - April 18 at 01:49 PM