



Dolores Cartwright

March 29, 1930 - December 22, 2020

Dolores "Dee" Marie Cartwright, age 90, of Kincheloe, Michigan passed away Tuesday afternoon, December 22, 2020, at War Memorial Hospital.

Dee was born on March 29, 1930 in Flint, Michigan to the late Trefflie, and Florence (Brabant) Forrest. Dee graduated at age 17 from Loretto Academy with the class of 1947. She attended the LSSU nursing program until she married and started a family.

She was a lifetime member of the Women's VFW auxiliary and a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Rudyard. She retired from the State of Michigan in 1995 after 18 years as an employment placement counselor. Prior to that, she held many jobs, from working at the Soo Creamery to managing the credit department at the old Tempo store. Our Mom/Grandma was remarkable. She contracted polio as a very young woman but worked and raised a large family as a single mother, despite many physical and personal difficulties.

Those who knew her described her as, "independent", "brave", "amazing", "inspiring", "tough". We knew her as loving, generous, warm, caring, devoted and fun! She was so much fun. She was also creative as an artist in her garden and home, always painting, sewing, and baking. She was selfless and compassionate and put everyone in front of herself. She took time for all of us. She made her home a haven for all of her family, especially during the holidays. She opened her home to so many others, too. Everyone was welcome.

What she wasn't says much about her as well. She wasn't a complainer, no matter how much pain she was in or how difficult things were for her. She wasn't critical of others. She wasn't vain. Even though she was very intelligent, she did not take herself too seriously. She loved acting goofy and making silly faces. She wasn't jealous or resentful. Her life was not easy, but despite all her struggles and hardships, she continued on. Our Mom was no quitter. She was a fighter until the end, and to say her family will miss her would be an understatement. She was too good for this earth. We didn't deserve her. But she deserved peace and her home in heaven. We are grateful she is there now.

Dee is survived by her children: Richard Holmes, Sr., David (Bonnie) Holmes, Jerald Holmes, Sr., and Sheila (Gary) Hatch; Five stepchildren; Cindy, Sherrie, Deborah, Randy and Donald and their families. Seventeen grandchildren: Michael, Scott, Vanessa, Crystal Ann, Bernadette, Traci, Richard Jr., Meghann, James, Cathy, Jamie, Carol, Jerry Jr., Crystal Lynn, Kyle, Gabrielle, and Landon; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. Dee is also survived by her siblings: Dorothy Whaley, Helen Watts, and Fred Forrest; and many nieces and nephews.

Dee was preceded in death by her parents, first husband: George Holmes; second husband: Donald Cartwright; children: Deborah Holmes (1949), Carol Holmes (2012), and Susan Holmes (2016); and a half-sister: Virginia Lemperle (1997).

Private family services will be held at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ Just learned of Ms. Dolores' passing. I had the opportunity to "meet" her through Ancestry.com. We are distant cousins. We had a few conversations via email. She seemed very witty and sweet. So very glad I was able to connect with her. A piece of my family history I will cherish forever. Rest in love cousin.

Kim

Kim DeBoard - February 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Sympathy Gift courtesy of Donald Cartwright. Group of 10 Memorial Trees Planted In Loving Memory of Dolores Cartwright.

Donald Cartwright - December 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I have very fond memories of working with Dee at the old Tempo store. I was just out of college. She always had a quick smile and so willing to help show we youngsters the ropes.



Cindy Smith - December 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Aunt Dee was a very special person who I loved and admired, always such a great attitude even though her life wasn't always easy, such an inspiration to me and everyone who knew her. Heaven has another sweet angel, will miss her so much! My deepest sympathies to the family!



Dawn Sundstrom - December 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dee was one of the nicest women I have ever met. Your obituary was spot on especially for her goofiness, selflessness and lack of vanity. She was so easy to be around. She made a huge impact on me. Prayers to you all

Denny & Deanna Suggitt - December 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ i all my relatives and friends dee was my best friend and my wonderful sister who i will miss the rest of my life she was always so courageous and loved all of her large family will love and miss you dee although we lived far apart we talked with each other at least 3 times a week sometimes 3 times a day we will always miss her but now she is heaven with some of her family love always dot and jack

dorothy fb whaley and husband jack sr whaley - December 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *The best thing about Grandma Dee is the unsurpassed comfort she gave everyone around her. I can't think of a cozier place than Grandma's house, it was like a second home to me growing up. Grandma loved and accepted every last one of us for who we are. Not only that, but she always made the best effort to know each of us personally, remembering little details about what we like, and embracing our interests and passions. We all had a special connection with Grandma Dee: just last year she was helping me through one of our favorite Nintendo games, keeping an eye on my energy and alerting me when it was low (by aptly shouting "ENERGY!"). She's a one-of-a-kind person, and we're all so lucky to have had our own special relationships with her. I know I was. Love you Grandma.*

Landon Hatch - December 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *What a beautiful, well said obituary for an amazing lady. Your mother was nothing short of incredible. My memories are of her positive outlook on life and letting nothing stop her or slow her down.*



My thoughts have been with your entire family since I've learned of your loss. I hope that knowing what an incredible life she lived provides you with some sense of peace during this time of grief.

Missy Robbins - December 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM