



## Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills

March 11, 1961 - November 4, 2025

Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills, age 64, of Rexton, Michigan, died on November 4, 2025. She was born on March 11, 1961, in Gibraltar, Michigan, to Russell and Kay (Gerow) Brunell.

Dorothy grew up in Newport, Michigan, and graduated from Jefferson High School. After graduation, she worked as a CNA at IHM Nursing Home for five years before beginning a new career in construction. She worked for Lonzo and Doc Crew for more than twelve years before retiring in 2004. Dorothy met Arthur Elgen Mills while applying for a flagging job, and the two were later married on May 10, 1998. Together, they moved to Rexton, Michigan, where they built their forever home. Never one to stay still for long, Dorothy later returned to work for Sand Products by the Cut River Bridge, where she enjoyed three more years of hard work and camaraderie.

Dorothy was a proud member of Union #324 and served her community as part of the Election Poll Committee. She loved volunteering and was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed.

An outdoors enthusiast, Dorothy found joy in horseback riding, snowmobiling, caring for her chickens and animals, raking leaves, burning brush, and hunting. When she wasn't outside, she enjoyed knitting and cross-stitching and adored spending time with her three beloved cats.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Art; daughters, Lacey (Alan Denton) Mills of Newport, Michigan, and Mary (Adam) Hastings of Monroe, Michigan; son, Jim (Laura) Mills of Washington; and daughters, Dawn (Jim) LaBello of Key West, Florida, and Annie (Jeff Foshag) Mills of Ida, Michigan; fifteen grandkids; and many great-grandchildren who will all miss her dearly.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Russel and Kay; and brother, Don Brunell.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at The Mills Residence, 8073 Hurd Rd. Naubinway, MI 49762, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Funeral Service will follow immediately at 1:00 pm.

Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Rexton, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes – St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Mills Residence  
8073 Hurd Rd.  
Naubinway, MI 49762

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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8073 Hurd Rd.  
Naubinway, MI 49762

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ I've only known Dorothy a short time but in that short time she became a great friend and co-worker. She will be missed and never forgotten. She was the most helpful caring person I've met.

Amy - November 10, 2025 at 01:41 PM

MM

“ So Sorry to hear about Dorothy! Her Mom and Dad along with Dorothy and her brother ,lived across from My husband Jerry's Mom, Elizabeth(Betty) Luft. They were great friends! May she rest in peace and enjoy her reunion in Heaven with her family! Peace and comfort to her the family still here! Myrna Meek

Myrna Meek - November 09, 2025 at 02:14 PM

AN

“ So kind, selfless, caring, strong, amazing, helpful, talented, smart and most of all a friend. Our family is so grateful for knowing you. You will surely be missed by all of us! Rest in peace Wonder Woman!! Xoxo The Fishback Family Xoxo



Angie - November 08, 2025 at 11:20 AM

TF

“ The Pasko & Macdonald family's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.



The Pasko & Macdonald family's - November 07, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.*



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November 07, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ *Jenna, kristan, kandi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.*

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**Jenna, kristan, kandi** - November 07, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.*



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November 07, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ *The DTE crew of Ann Mills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.*

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**The DTE crew of Ann Mills** - November 07, 2025 at 08:08 AM

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“ Allen Goretski (DTE) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.



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**Allen Goretski (DTE)** - November 06, 2025 at 06:35 PM

CH

“ With our deepest sympathies. May her tree grow strong in memory of her. Peter and Cheryl Hill

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**Cheryl Hill** - November 06, 2025 at 05:02 PM

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“ Cheryl H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.

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**Cheryl H.** - November 06, 2025 at 04:59 PM

SK

“ Sherrie K. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.



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**Sherrie K.** - November 06, 2025 at 04:10 PM

SK

“ Sherrie K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.

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**Sherrie K.** - November 06, 2025 at 04:10 PM

LF

“ Love, Leona LaPorte & family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.



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**Love, Leona LaPorte & family** - November 06, 2025 at 02:40 PM

LF

“ Love, Leona LaPorte & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.

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**Love, Leona LaPorte & family** - November 06, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.



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November 06, 2025 at 01:07 PM

UJ

“ Uncle Dale & Aunt Jan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Pauline (Brunell) Mills.

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**Uncle Dale & Aunt Jan** - November 06, 2025 at 01:07 PM