



## Dorothy Wojnaroski

May 2, 1935 - April 8, 2021

Dorothy "Dot" Wojnaroski, former Goetzville, Michigan, resident, passed away Thursday, April 8, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, due to COVID-19. Dot was born May 2, 1935, in Sault Ste. Marie to Clarence and Bertha (Laarman) Pierce.

Dot married Bruce Crawford February 14, 1953, and he preceded her in death. She then married Leo Wojnaroski May 13, 1961. Leo, also, preceded her in death May 11, 2014. Dot was an incredible artist and crafter that could always find ways to "make something out of nothing." A child of the Depression era, Dot's habit was to never throw away anything that could be re-used for something else, being a life-long recycler before it became "fashionable." Painting and sketching as a child, Dot used shoe polish for paint and butcher paper for her canvas. She shared her artistic abilities far and wide with family and friends over the years, and those who are in possession of them now, have treasured pieces of "Dot Ski."

Dot decorated cakes most of her adult life, from anniversaries, birthdays, and graduations, to baby showers. Her wedding cakes were works of art! She was a cook for the Raber-Goetzville area senior citizens for 20 years, then put down her spatula to pick up her paintbrush to teach and share her skill of oil painting. She never limited herself to oil and canvas, however, but painted on everything from wine bottles, turkey feathers, dried leaves, and her favorite --

stones and driftwood from the Lake Superior shoreline. She often joked that if Leo sat still long enough, she'd probably would've painted something on him!

Dot was a member of the Stalwart Presbyterian church for many years, teaching Sunday School, baking pies, pasties, and helping with fund raisers, which included donating several pieces of her artwork for raffles. A life-long member of Raber Amvets Auxiliary Post 79, Dot joyfully gave her time and talents to support "our boys" in service and in V.A. hospitals. On the home-front, she helped the auxiliary with bingo, funeral dinners and just about anything else that needed doing, always willing to lend a hand. She enjoyed having lunch with her Red Hat friends, sharing a cup of tea, or phone call with anyone who needed an ear.

Dorothy is survived by her children: Robert (Linda) Wojnaroski of Sault Ste. Marie, Lisa Wojnaroski (fiancé Lonnie Calloway) of Sault Ste. Marie, Tina Moore of Grand Blanc, Michigan, and Deborah (Steve) Thompson of Pickford, Michigan. Brother, Clarence Pierce, Jr. of Pickford. Several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Many nieces and nephews, cousins, and more friends than one could count!

She was preceded in death by her husbands Bruce and Leo, her parents, sister Jenny Gagnon, brother Dean Pierce, son-in-law Lee Moore, and fur baby, Kesha.

Dot's family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. John Ockenfels for his constant presence in caring for Dot, and to Kathy Harris and her staff at Merlin Home.

Due to the pandemic, there will be graveside services only, May 1, 2021, at 1:00 PM at North Raber cemetery. COVID-safe protocols are requested for those who wish to attend.

There will be no luncheon to follow.

Condolences to the family can be sent to 404 E. Water St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, 49783. R. Galer Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## North Raber Cemetery

Raber Road  
Goetzville, MI 49736

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Goetzville, MI 49736

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Wojnaroski*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Dorothy Wojnaroski*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Dorothy Wojnaroski*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *To Dorothy's family,*

*So sorry about your mother's passing. She was a nice lady and full of life. Tina, it doesn't seem like that long since you played basketball for me. Bob, miss you at Neville's. RIP Dot, you will be sadly missed by family and friends.*

*Dave Miller  
DeTour Village*

David Miller - April 18, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *Such a beautiful and amazing woman. She brought color into everyone's live. Thank you for sharing her with all of us at The Merlin Home. We miss her spunky attitude. Prayers of comfort for all of her family.*

Delores Kivi - April 13, 2021 at 10:34 AM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Dots passing Debby and I send our prayers to your family at this time

Mike Posten and Debby Bradley - April 13, 2021 at 01:54 AM

MG

“ To Dorothy's children I wish to send my condolences, sorry for their loss. Respectfully Jane Crawford Green, I also send my love.



Margaret Green - April 12, 2021 at 11:48 PM

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I knew Dorothy since a little girl, we shared many confidences.

Margaret Green (Jane) - April 12, 2021 at 11:51 PM

PL

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Wayne & Phyllis (Wojnaroski) Larson

Phyllis (Wojnaroski) Larson - April 12, 2021 at 10:36 PM

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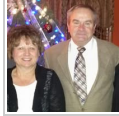
“ So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was such a great woman and so full of fun. My prayers go out to you and your family.

Marlene Thornton - April 12, 2021 at 05:32 PM

JN

“ Tina I am so sorry to hear about your mom

joanne nelson - April 12, 2021 at 11:46 AM



*My sympathy and prayers to Dorothy's family. She was a great lady that shared her talent with everyone. I am sure she has painted her way to heaven as she painted every statue in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Goetzville also she Painted our Church sign. Her work will live on for many years. They are beautiful. If you would want to see this beautifully done work come any Sunday at 11. AM. We are forever grateful for her talented work.*

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**Barb Pudelko** - April 13, 2021 at 08:10 AM