



## Dorothy Young

February 13, 1923 - November 14, 2019

Dorothy Janet Young, 96, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 14th at the Hospice House of the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

She was a steadfast, loving, strong and proudly Scottish woman, deeply committed to her family and friends. Her physical presence in the lives of all she touched will be dearly missed.

Dorothy was born on February 13th, 1923 in Fort William, Ontario in Canada to her parents, Robert William Gilray and Christina Mercer (Dryburgh) Gilray. Dorothy was the middle child to her siblings Bob, Thelma, Gordie, and John. Eventually, the family immigrated to the United States in 1938, and resided in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

A member of the Sault High Class of 1942, she was married to George Ronald Barkley, Sr. in July of 1943. Together, they raised four children: Ron, Dennis, John, and Bonnie. Dorothy worked at the Famous Soo Locks Boat Tours and later at War Memorial Hospital to help support her family. Later, she went to college for two years in 1976 to become an Accredited Record Technician. She was a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the Medical Record Association.

One of Dorothy's great joys later in life was a second chance at love and marriage to George Young in 1988. In marrying George, Dorothy gained a large and loving family, including George's children Darrell, Sharon, Lowell,

Wanda and Debbie, their spouses and their children. Dorothy and George loved to winter in Florida with friends every year, attend county fairs, and be with their kids and grandkids. When George's health began to fail, Dorothy cared for him until the end, a devoted wife. At his funeral, she wore purple, his favorite color, and kept his memory alive ever since with countless stories about their time together.

Dorothy's life always revolved around what she valued most of all: her faith, her family, and her friends. She attended countless family gatherings and sporting events, church, and weekly dinner outings with a large group of friends. She made the best potato salad and was always eager to help with preparing and enjoying food with family. During her time at the Avery Center, she was incredibly social and even coordinated driving the "older ladies" to run errands and attend church services.

Her family and friends are thankful she held on tight to her sense of humor, stubbornness, a concern for how her hair looked, and her memories until the end. In her final weeks of life, many were able to visit or call to say their goodbyes to her as she held court from her hospital bed or chair.

Dorothy was predeceased by her siblings: Thelma and Robert Gilray.

Dorothy leaves behind her four children, Ron Barkley and his wife Phyllis, Dennis Barkley, Bonnie Weber and her husband Bud, and John Barkley and his wife Gina as well as her step-children, Darrell Young and his wife Ginger, Sharon Freamon and her husband Floyd, Lowell Young and his wife Christine, Wanda MacLoed and her husband Steve, and Deborah Shoemaker and her husband Brian.

She was the grandmother, known as "Grandma B" to her late granddaughter Christina Barkley, Jill and Amy Barkley Roy, Jason Barkley, Jessica Barkley, Curtis and Heather Weber, Cindy and Ryan Alaspa, Danielle and Jim Hayden, Travis and Kaitlin Barkley, Ryan and Mandi VanBuskirk, Ashton and Joe Hentzen, Amber and Brian Bahr, Jessica and Michael Stevens, Michelle and Marc Bertolo, Floyd Freamon Jr., Keenan and Laura Young, Nathan Young, Randy and Symantha Young, Amy and Odin Osogwin, Zac, Mitchell, and

Adam MacLeod, and Elie and Sadie Shoemaker.

She was also blessed with great-grandchildren, Maitlyn Barkley, CJ (Chelsey) and Bret Weber, Ryley, Haley, and Lilly Alaspa, Blake and Zoey Mickleson, Vincent Barkley, Landon and Bo Young, Brekston, Blair, and Becker Hentzen, Treveon and Aliyah Stevens, Alyssa Bertolo, Holly and Kayle Young, Kaidyn Osogwin, and great-great-grandchild Knox Weber.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 20th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie. Services will be held at the same location at Noon, followed by burial at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Dorothy's family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Medilodge Assisted living and the Hospice House of the Eastern Upper Peninsula for all their attentive and loving care. To honor Dorothy, and to continue to support her friends who still reside at Medilodge, the family encourages donations to be sent there or to the Hospice House of the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothy lived life every day involving herself with helping others. I always loved how she referred to those around her as the "older ladies" even when she was more than likely older than them. She truly loved my dad and took excellent care of him until the end. My girls and I had a chance to spend great time with her this summer when we were back in Michigan and knowing that it would probably be the last time I had a hard time saying goodbye. I hugged her, told her I loved her and thanked her for being a great addition to our family. She will be missed but her mark she left on others lives will be there forever.

Debbie

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**Debbie Shoemaker** - November 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences with dorothis family at this time, she was and still is so incredibly loved and will be missed. ❤️



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**Beth** - November 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I remember Dorothy with her husband George. She was taking care of him. I know that she was also involved with the happenings at Avery Square. I can also remember her watching her greatgrandson, C.J. play basketball.

May the Lord comfort you during this time of loss.

Praying for you,  
Esther

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**Esther Wallis** - November 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ we will miss her very much and her friendly face also so sorry she did not make a 100 but she is now free of pain and will be waiting in for us in heaven. Bonnie hope you can now be able to do the things you want without worry about if she will be ok. She does not need you now and would wants you to have time to do the things you would like to do. love, Cindy Bricker

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**Cindy Bricker** - November 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss. Dorothy was a special lady. While shopping at Walmart a few years ago, I happened to run into her. We chatted for some time. Finally she told me she was looking for a blanket and asked my opinion.

We shopped the shelves and finally found one. She told me she would always think of me every time she used it. That really touched my heart. Dorothy was truly a beautiful lady. We all appreciated the love and caring she gave Uncle George. Rest In Peace.



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**Diane Williams** - November 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ To all of Dorothy's loved ones, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Dorothy was a wonderful lady who was a great friend of my aunt, Rita Spencer. In March 1987, Dorothy, Aunt Rita, and Mom and me drove to Florida. We had a great time and shared lots of laughs. The Golden Girls was popular on TV and we pretended we were the Golden Girls. I was Sophia and Dorothy was Dorothy. We went to the beach behind a hotel in Daytona Beach. Unknown to us, MTV was televising a wet t-shirt contest. I think those young girls were jealous of us LOL:-). There was lots of fun things on that trip and it was very memorable. I still laugh about it to this day. You'll be missed, Golden Girl!



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**Joy V** - November 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM