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Dorothy Smith, age 99, passed away on July 4 , 2013. She lived for the past 7 years in Tavares, FL with her daughter, Judy Miller. She was a mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, teacher, baker of breads and rolls, a bargain hunter and Bingo player. Watching the game shows on TV and completing the Find A Word puzzle were favorite pastimes. She was a lover of life and enjoyed it to the fullest with a healthy outlook. Her husband, John, passed away in 1981. When asked why she never had another man, she would reply, "I had the best loving man in the world; besides, if you have a man, you have to feed him." Her sense of humor never left her.

She was born on December 10, 1913 to William and Blanche Shaffer. They lived in the Boyers area where William Shaffer was a coal miner. In 1916 he went to work in the steel mills in Ellwood City. The family moved to Ellwood City, but William passed away in 1918 after he contracted the flu. Her mother, Blanche, moved the children back to Boyers.

Dorothy attended one room school houses, Rock and Pisgah. Then she went to Eau Claire High School and graduated in 1932 in a class of ten. There was no transportation provided, so she walked the four miles each way. Following high school graduation, she worked at various homes as caretaker for children and doing domestic work. She decided to go to college and become a teacher. She started teaching in 1938, at Goff School, in Venago Township, in a one room school house. She taught all grades at Goff, Rock, Seaton and Cochran schools. the one room schools were being closed and Dorothy was ready for a new phase of life.

During those long eight mile walks to and from high school, she met the love of her life, John A. Smith of Hilliards. He worked in the coal mines, but he had a car. He started driving her to and from school and their destiny was sealed. They were married June 28, 1941. They had two daughters, Phyllis Smith (Ford) and Judy Smith (Miller). Dorothy stayed home during the early 1950's to raise the girls but she returned to teaching with the Moniteau School District at Lone Tree School. At this time a four year Bachelor's degree was required. She went to college during



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summers and graduated with her degree in the mid 1960's from Slippery Rock State University. After Lone Tree closed, she taught at Washington Elementary. She retired in 1979 after 31 years of teaching from the Moniteau School District.

Following the death (2006) of her oldest daughter, Phyllis, she moved to Florida to live with Judy. She spent 7 wonderful years living the typical retired life in Florida by visiting, reading, riding in the golf cart, shopping and having fun in the sun.

She was a life long member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Murrinsville and served as a Eucharistic Minister, Sunday School Teacher, lector and volunteer for church dinners and activities. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in DeLand, FL.

She is survived by one daughter, Judy, one grandson, Michael Ford (Lainie), and one great granddaughter, Isla Ford and a number of nieces and nephews. Predeceasing her were her parents, Blanche and William Shaffer; husband, John (1981); daughter, Phyllis Ford; brothers, Clifford (Ann) and Stanley (Henrietta) Shaffer; sisters, Pauline Biggins and Stella May Shaffer.

Visitation will be at the Jack Buzard Funeral Home in Eau Claire from 2-4pm and 6-8pm on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. The funeral mass will be on Wednesday, July 10, at St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church in Murrinsville.

If you desire, contributions may be made to the St. Alphonsus Cemetery Fund, PO Box 246, West Sunbury, PA 16061 or to Lake Hills School, 909 S. Lakeshore Blvd; Howey in the Hills, FL 34737 or to a charity of your choice.

She will be remembered as the woman who was loved by many and she taught many people in the area how to read and write. Her baked rolls and breads were sought by many and the different pickles and relish condiments that she created were enjoyed. May God bless Dorothy and welcome her home.

Poem:

To Those I Love

When I am gone, just release me,
let me go so I can move into my afterglow.



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You mustn't tie me down with your tears;
let's be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess how much
you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it is time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted with trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within your heart.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."



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CF

Chris France posted:

Dearest Judy, You have been such a comfort to me in my time of loss, I can only imagine what a comfort you were to your sweet mother. Thank you for sharing so many wonderful stories and keeping us connected with your mom over the years. I'm grateful to have had the pleasure to meet Dorothy, and I will always remember her sense of humor and the twinkle in her eyes as she opened her gift at the Christmas party last December. Thank you for sharing her with us. We will miss her. Take comfort in knowing what a wonderful daughter you are. Chris France

July 11 at 3:59 AM

CB

Cheryl Bishop lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

Dear Judy, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was very fortunate to have you as a daughter. I am sure her last years were good ones especially with your care. I really enjoyed seeing the two of you with the jingle bell hats at our Christmas gathering. I am sure there are lots of good memories. I just wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Cheryl



July 9 at 5:11 PM

PA

Paula posted:

Judy, I am so sorry for your loss. I know she is resting well now and at peace. Your mother was so fortunate to have your love and support all of these years. I am sure during that time many memories were created that will last in your heart many years to come. Paula

July 8 at 6:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smith family.



July 8 at 6:06 AM

MJ

Margie Jones posted:

Dear Judy, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Margie Jones

July 8 at 4:41 AM



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JW

Janis Williams posted:

Judy, you were an incredible daughter, caretaker, Bingo player, chauffeur, cook, etc. to your mother in her days spent with you. I know how difficult the past months have been. Please know that she is in God's gentle hands now. May you find peace and comfort during your sad times and may the happy memories fill your spirit. God Bless You!! Janis Williams

July 8 at 4:36 AM

DS

Debbie Stedelin posted:

Dearest Judy, We pray you are comforted in knowing the your precious mother is at peace and sitting at the throne of our King! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you begin your walk through this most difficult time and will be here for you should you need anything at all. We love you...Ron, Debbie and Katie Stedelin

July 7 at 2:35 PM

ML

Melissa Lyford posted:

Judy, May you find peace and comfort during this time of sorrow. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Ken and Melissa

July 6 at 1:18 PM

PL

Pat And Stan Lawson posted:

Dear Judy, Our hearts and prayers are with you and your loved ones as you grieve your Mother's passing and honor her long life. What a spunky lady she was and I am blessed to have known her. There are stars in your crown for the loving care you gave to her. She is on her walk to Glory! Love, Pat and Stan

July 5 at 9:57 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dorothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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