



Dorothy Pruitt

February 14, 1921 - December 5, 2015

Dorothy Pruitt, age 94, of Algona, died on Saturday December 5, 2015 at the Algona Good Samaritan Care Center. Mass of the Resurrection will be 11:00 AM Wednesday at St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Algona, with Rev. Ed Girres celebrating. Visitation will be 9:30 AM until service time Wednesday at the church.

Dorothy Ann Wagner, the daughter of George and Sarah (Rowell) Wagner, was born on February 14, 1921 near Bancroft, Iowa. She graduated from Algona High School in 1939 and Willows School of Nursing in Kansas City in 1941. While at school in Kansas City, Dorothy met Thermon Pruitt. They went on one date before Thermon entered the Army. They wrote each other over four years during the war. When Thermon returned from the war they were united in marriage at the St. Joseph Rectory in St. Joseph, Iowa on August 21, 1945. They lived in Kansas City until 1951 when they moved back to St. Joe and then to Livermore in 1956. Dorothy worked as a nurse for Dr. Beardsley in Livermore until they moved to Colorado in 1961. Traveling to 49 states of the Americas to attend Thermon's yearly Army reunions, highlighted their 59 years of marriage. After Thermon's death, in 2005 Dorothy honored her husband's wishes for her to return to Algona, Iowa. Dorothy was a very giving person who volunteered and served all of her life. She enjoyed handiwork, plants, and loved her family.

Left to cherish Dorothy's memory is her brother, Michael (Rosanne) Schmit of Algona; two sisters, Cecelia McGuire of Algona and Donna Thilges of Des Moines; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Mary Majerus and Sarah Centgraf; and a brother, Thomas Wagner who was killed in Pearl Harbor.

Dorothy's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Algona Good Samaritan Care Center Staff; especially Mary Hannover, Michelle Durant, Jill Adams and Kristin Pearson. The sincere and caring spiritual support shared with Dorothy by Father Ed Girres, Father Jeremy Wind, and Deacon Bill Black is truly appreciated.

Cemetery

Events

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery DEC

1023 Hwy 169
Bode, IA, 50519

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Visitation 09:30AM - 11:00AM

St. Cecelia Catholic Church
715 East North Street, Algona, IA, US, 50511

DEC Mass of the Christian Burial 11:00AM - 11:40AM

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pruitt.



December 08, 2015 at 11:33 AM



“ I felt honored to be with Aunt Dorothy at the time of her death along with my wife, Gaylene, and Fr. Ed Girres from St. Cecelia Parish. Although she was unresponsive we knew that she was listening to God's will to be with her late husband, Thermon, and her other loved ones. Her peaceful death was a reward for the faith that she had in her life serving others. I would hope that my experience could be similar to the one that Aunt Dorothy experienced.

The enjoyable visits as a child and adult in Colorado Springs will always be cherished memories. The small individual cereal boxes and juice cans will always be a reminder to me of the special times spent with Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Thermon. During my visits with Uncle Thermon I realized how important our freedoms were to him. Every morning when he was at his home, he would unfold and raise the U.S. flag and do the reverse in the evening to retire the flag for the day. As we know the generation of Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Thermon's can not be replaced. However, in their honor we can keep their legacy alive by leading our lives as they did serving others.

Sincerely,
Peter McGuire

Peter McGuire - December 06, 2015 at 06:18 PM



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Jo Centgraf - December 06, 2015 at 06:00 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pruitt.



December 06, 2015 at 05:57 PM



“ Donna Thilges purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Pruitt.



Donna Thilges - December 06, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ To all of Dorothy"s family we are so sorry for your loss. Roseanne thank you for calling us. Dorothy and my father in law grew up together creating a special friendship for Clarence, Catherine, Dorothy and Thermon. They have always been an intrigal part of our lives but even more for my husband and his family.We were always lucky enough to spend holidays, birthdays, anniversaries and all other special occasions with both Dorothy and Thermon. They were another set of an adopted great aunt and uncle for my kiddos. Friendships that are forged out of love and respect. We will miss you Dorothy!!! Love Donita and Robert

Donita Erpelding - December 06, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ Tanya Fisher purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Dorothy Pruitt.



Tanya Fisher - December 06, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ I met Dorothy in 1980, at the age of 16, when hired to work at Rustic Hills Orthopedic Association. Dorothy was the Insurance Secretary there and I was so impressed by her as she was so smart, kind, giving, strong, caring and the most incredible person I ever met. Dorothy taught me so much during the next four years while working there that to this day I attribute my strong work ethic and successful career to her.

During that time Dorothy and Thermon became my great friends. I admired their volunteer work and kindness and caring of others. After both Dorothy and I left Rustic Hills we continued our friendship. They came to my birthday parties and my wedding in Windsor, CO. Every year I could not wait to receive my Christmas card from them and loved our letters. Dorothy sent me a Christmas card every year since 1980 and I will truly miss her card this year and all the years to come.

After Thermon's passing and Dorothy moved back to Algona we kept in touch with many phone calls and letters. How I loved our phone calls as Dorothy always made me laugh with her stories. One of the funniest was when she accidentally vacuumed up one of her socks that had fallen to the floor. From then on I would tease her about leaving her underwear on the floor. I will miss our phone calls and letters.

Every year after she moved back to Algona I would send her roses for her birthday on Valentine's Day. She was so appreciative. I will miss sending her roses.

I truly believe that many of my successes both personally and professionally were and are made possible by the tremendous influence Dorothy had in my life. There are no exact words to properly express my emotion and admiration.

Dorothy was amazing. I will miss her so but will carry and treasure our 35 years of friendship and memories in my heart forever. Thank you Dorothy for everything. I love you. Tanya Fisher

Tanya Fisher - December 06, 2015 at 01:52 PM



“ Tanya Fisher lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Pruitt



Tanya Fisher - December 06, 2015 at 01:29 PM