



Dorothy May Jones

August 20, 1922 - December 13, 2018

Dorothy May (Mahaffey) Jones, 96, of Fife Lake, passed away on December 13, 2018 at the Eden Center in Kalkaska. She was born on August 20, 1922, the daughter of the late Glen and Etta (Stine) Mahaffey.

Dorothy married Nicholas R. Jones on July 30, 1940. Together they farmed and raised chickens and milk cows. They were active in Farm Bureau, the Democratic Party and 4-H. After Nick was gone, Dorothy started volunteering at K.A.I.R and the on the board at Michigan DHS.

Dorothy grew the most amazing African violets, Christmas Cactus and Iris. She also loved to sew, crochet and read. Dorothy spent the last 4 years at The Eden Center and we would like to thank all the care givers for the great care she received.

Dorothy is survived by her sons, Larry (Terri), David (Kim), Gary (Susan) all of Fife Lake, grandchildren, Todd (Marie) Jones, Scott (Angela) Jones, Holly (Chad) Lowery, Andrea (Kyle) Bonter, Leah (Nathan) Spencer and Chad Jones; great-grandchildren, Lane, Ty and Meghan Jones, Shelbie, Charlie and Beau Lowery, Chase and Nevaeh Wise, Hannah and Vernon Spencer and Jasper Jones; sisters, Margaret Hayward and Marietta (Terry) Morales; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Nick on April 5, 1997; sister, Melva Jones; brother, Lloyd Mahaffey and stepmother, Virginia Mahaffey.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 20th at noon at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home with visitation beginning an hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the spring at Garfield Twp. Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to K.A.I.R., 324 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, MI 49646 or The Eden Center, 419 S. Coral St., Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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DEC **Service** 12:00PM

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“ Grandma Dorothy was easiest one of the most giving and loving people I have ever known. Living next door to her as a child, I spent undoubtedly every day of my entire childhood with her. Therefore, I am blessed to have more memories than I can count but would like to share just a few.

Some of my earliest memories of Grandma are her coming over to my house at night to read bed time stories and give me back rubs, patting me while saying “there there” over and over until I fell asleep. I distinctly remember one night, I was probably around my sons age of five and it was this time of year, she was getting ready to head home after reading to me and the song “Grandma Got Run Over by A Reindeer” came on the radio. I remember crying and not wanting her to leave, so afraid for her. That had become a longstanding story we liked to laugh about together, even just a few weeks ago.

I have very fond memories of helping her with her gardens and helping her and Grandpa decorate the Christmas tree each year. We also would take walks after dinner almost every night – sometimes 4 miles or more. I will always cherish those walks, we had some very great conversations.

I also remember tagging along many times while her and Grandpa grocery shopped. She would shop for the main food while Grandpa and I picked out the bulk candy from the Brach’s candy bin, always bringing home a nice sized bag of our favorites. She helped me sew my Middle School Home Ec. project and one time she and I sewed dozens upon dozens of hair ties to sell at the annual yard sale. Grandma was very talented at crocheting and sewing. She loved making doilies and crocheted dish towels.

We had weekly dates of watching our favorite shows like Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman, or Murder She Wrote, eating popcorn with lots of butter or Schwan’s Ice Cream, butter pecan was our favorite. She also loved her soap: As the World Turns. Grandma was a fantastic cook. She made phenomenal banana meringue pies, goulash, chicken and dumplings, and my favorite- a dessert she called “lick dab.” My daughter Hannah loved her cabbage dinners and says that “Grandma Great” made the best cabbage she ever had with lots of vinegar.

When my first child was born, Grandma spent the day with me at the hospital in the delivery room and even came one time to spend the night with me after Hannah was born and I lived in Grayling.

I am grateful that my children, her great grandchildren, Vernon and Hannah have special memories of Grandma, too. Hannah recalls many times watching ‘Judge Judy’ with her and laughing together. Hannah would knock on Grandma’s front door when she’d visit as a young child. Hannah says Grandma Great would tease her saying, you and the Avon lady are the only two people to knock on that door. Vernon, only five, will always remember spending this past Halloween with her and passing out candy to the trick or treaters at the Eden Center, he came home with lots of “extras” from Grandma Great.

What a blessing she was to many!!

~ Leah (Jones) Spencer



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