



Dorothy G. Zak

February 22, 1922 - February 5, 2019

I, Dorothy G. Zak, of Berkley, this day, 5 February 2019, declare I have passed on against the will of my children, Ret Lt Col Darlene Zak, Albuquerque, NM; Gary Zak (Maureen), Warren, MI; Barbara Wizinsky, Gaylord, MI; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, Gaylord, MI and Greensburg PA.

Dorothy (just short of her 97 birthday) is now surrounded and embraced by her husband, Joseph, of 74 ½ years who passed on his 99 birthday in 2017; beloved daughter Irene Jo, 1974; father Wilfred (Mac) LaMarsh, 1950; brother Wilfred (Cass) LaMarsh, 1960, and grandmother Minnie Stevenson Fielding ("Da"), 1949, close friends and beloved animals. Dorothy retired from Michigan Bell in 1985, receiving multiple letters of commendation for excellent work. She was also a life-long member of ATandT Pioneers and worked as a volunteer for 10 years at Bloomfield Hills Genealogy Library. She was also a contributing member of Heirs Research Society in Harrow, Ontario Canada.

Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, cook, seamstress, beautician, gardener, carpenter (a real jack of all trades) and rescuer of homeless animals. Her family could always depend on her. In times of crisis, she was always there. She dedicated more than 60 years of her life to Genealogy. She inspired her family at early age as to the importance of our ancestors-vacations were spent copying graveyards in Ontario, some of which have been destroyed but information not lost because of her efforts. Her numerous visits to elder relatives led to many family stories now published. For years, along with daughter Irene, Dorothy researched and hand-copied records- especially among primary records no longer available to the public, providing the basis for others' work. She has been accredited for her research and family stories in various publications: "LAMARSH DESCENDANT 200 YEARS IN ESSEX CO., ONT., CANADA" 98 pg . Vol I, 114 pg, Vol. II 158 pg. "Taffelmeyers, Tofflemires Here And There With Associated Families" 359 pg. "Taffelmeyers/Tofflemires/Dofflemyers Here And There With Associated Families" 624 pg. She was the Co-authored "Behind The Reserve The Quick Family of Colchester Essex Country, Ontario, Canada, Canada 1601-2002". 171 pg. and "Genealogy of John A Quick" 653 pg.

Dorothy leaves a rich legacy to her family and future generation. Her stories will live on. We miss and love you.

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Cemetery

Lakeview Cemetery -

Canada

233 Erie Street South

Leamington, Ontario,

Canada, ,

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:30AM - 12:00PM

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Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI, US, 48067

FEB **Burial** 03:00PM

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Lakeview Cemetery - Canada
233 Erie Street South, Leamington, Ontario, Canada,
US

Comments



“ Helen L Phipps lit a candle in memory of Dorothy G. Zak



Helen L Phipps - February 10 at 04:24 PM



“ To the Zak Family:
I remember many times going over to visit with Barb, Irene and sister Zak and her family.
She always made me feel like part of the family. I always felt welcome and had fun. My mom and Dorothy were good friends for many, many years. She was a kind, great cook, and positive and uplifting person. I'm sorry for your loss but now, you know, she is with Joe and visiting with all her friends and relatives. And she'll get to meet all the people she did genealogy for! With love and blessings, Helen (Phipps)

Helen L Phipps - February 10 at 04:22 PM



“ To the Zak family.....
Many great memories of Joe & Dorothy as we were blessed to be neighbors for 14 years ('83-'97).
Their home and property was/has been the absolutely best maintained and manicured on Berkley. Setting a fantastic example for the neighborhood, which rubbed off on many of us.
Even after we moved to our current home in Berkley, I would stop by and visit to say hello, always catching Joe 'putsing' in the yard.
Condolences to the Zak family. You were truly blessed to have them as parents and grandparents.
God speed to Dorothy and now she and Joe are forever back together.
We will always have good memories of them.
Best wishes,
Doug & Ellen Jozwiak

Doug & Ellen Jozwiak - February 10 at 12:13 PM



“ Read your Mom's obituary this morning in the Detroit Free Press. I remember your family,as my parents,Dave and Didi Kelly, were friends in Canada. I remember staying for a visit with your family after you moved to Michigan, and going to the movies with Darlene and Irene.Your Mom had a terrific smile and visiting as a kid, was a highlight for me. How very fortunate that you have had your parents for so long. My parents died at the ages of 46 and 66. I will always remember your family fondly. My deepest sympathy for all of you . i know the loss of a parent, no matter what their age is a life changing event.

Sincerely,
Katie Kelly Mitchell

Ca - February 10 at 09:54 AM



“ Dorothy was my friend and genealogical colleague. She was a sweet lady, with an encyclopedic memory. We all admired her and will certainly miss her.
Stuart Quick, Toronto

Stuart Quick - February 09 at 09:42 AM



“ To the entire Zak family: We are so very sorry for the loss of Dorothy and know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Dorothy's granddaughter Katie is our wonderful daughter-in-law and her daughter Barb is a cherished friend. So in the spring we will plant a tree at Barb's in honor of her mom, this amazing lady! Don and Linda Fitzek and the Fitzek family

Don and Linda Fitzek - February 08 at 04:31 PM



“ Bethany lit a candle in memory of Dorothy G. Zak



Bethany - February 07 at 10:39 PM



“ Sending Much Love and Our Deepest Sympathy! Dorothy was such a wonderful person and we always enjoyed our times with her and Joe! She is now Happy that they are together again! We will miss her! Love and Prayers, Mary Ellen and Family

Mary Ellen Dennis - February 06 at 07:00 PM