



## Dorothy Heider

October 8, 1931 - June 13, 2023

Dorothy Heider (nee Shope), a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2023. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William J. Heider, and her cherished grandchild, Christopher. Dorothy's loving spirit, kind heart, and dedication to her family and community will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Dorothy was born on October 8, 1931 to George and Louisa Shope. She grew up and developed a strong work ethic and a deep sense of compassion for others. After marrying the love of her life, William J. Heider, they embarked on a lifelong journey together, building a family centered on love, respect, and unwavering support. As a mother, Dorothy was a source of unconditional love and guidance for her two daughters, Ann (Arthur) Zsido and Sue (Michael) Fagan. She was their rock, always there to provide a listening ear, offer wise counsel, and celebrate their achievements. Dorothy's nurturing nature extended beyond her immediate family, as she embraced her role as a proud grandmother to Matthew (Kelly), Nicole (Ryan), Angela (John), and David (Marie). She found immeasurable joy in their accomplishments, and her love for them knew no bounds. Dorothy's legacy of love continued with her great-grandchildren: Owen, William, Christian, Lauren, Peyton, Zane, Briella, and Layla. She cherished the time spent with them, reveling in their laughter, stories, and precious milestones. Her role as a great grandmother brought her immense happiness, and she delighted in being a guiding presence in their lives. Dorothy was an active

member and a member of the Choir of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Caseville, Michigan. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, and she found solace, strength, and community within the church. She dedicated her time and energy to various church activities and committees, always seeking ways to serve and uplift others. Dorothy's selflessness extended to her involvement in volunteering at food banks and reaching out a helping hand to those in need. Her compassionate nature touched the lives of many, and her acts of kindness left an indelible mark on her community. In her leisure time, Dorothy pursued her passions with great enthusiasm. She found solace in knitting and creating beautiful things. She also was an avid reader, immersing herself in the world of literature and allowing her imagination to soar. She enjoyed traveling and world adventures. Dorothy cherished long walks along the beaches of Caseville, Michigan, finding peace and serenity in the calming rhythm of the waves. Dorothy Heider's departure leaves a void that will be deeply felt by her family, friends, and community. Her genuine love, generosity, and unwavering faith will forever remain in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her. As we mourn her loss, let us also celebrate the beautiful life she lived and the profound impact she made on the lives of others. May her memory be a guiding light, reminding us to always extend a helping hand, embrace our loved ones, and cherish every moment we have together. Friends and family are invited to gather and share their cherished memories of this remarkable woman at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3Blks of Van Dyke), Utica on Friday (June 16th) for a visitation from 1pm until the time of service at 7pm. A private burial will take place at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Eastpointe, Michigan. In honor of Dorothy's life donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

23000 Gratiot Ave  
Eastpointe, MI 48021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Sending heartfelt thoughts and prayers from myself and many other people at Good Shepherd Luth. Church Caseville. Dorothy was very special to me, and it was always a joy to visit with her. She had a strong faith in the Lord and demonstrated her caring in so many ways. We have missed her and will always remember her fondly. May the Lord be with all of Dorothy's family and give them His peace an comfort. Ivoughn Depner

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Ivoughn Depner - June 19, 2023 at 09:28 PM

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“ Together we feel a loss most words cannot express...individually we grieve in our own way. Collectively we are blessed to have had Dorothy in our lives. If you weren't a family member by birth or marriage.....so many of us were welcomed as if we were..... No matter how often you had the privilege of her company...daily... monthly...yearly or otherwise....she always made the time spent special. Engaging, welcoming, always listening and expressing an idea or two of her own.

I'm remembering time in Caseville where we spent a weekend or two. Moments of 'family time' for everyone. Some of us got the best room in the house...lake breezes coming through the front window on a summers night. I know Diane always looked forward to girls day out for lunch or shopping (Ann too)! We never took these moments for granted...cherishing them instead.

So we'll never say goodbye sweet friend....rather..."thank you for coming into our lives".....and making each time...a special moment we'll remember with fondness and gratitude.

We celebrate your life and lasting memories...knowing you are safely home in 'His' hands. Through the tears....and smiles...we love you always....

Mark and Diane Sherohman

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Mark Sherohman - June 16, 2023 at 06:03 PM

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“ *Tim Welther lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Heider*



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**Tim Welther** - June 16, 2023 at 05:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Heider.*



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June 15, 2023 at 10:14 PM

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“ *I admired Aunt Dot when I was a little girl. Later it was always a special treat to get to visit her and Uncle Bill. The two years that my husband and I moved back to Michigan to care for my dad, her brother, she was there for me. She enjoyed helping others and loved her family so much. I know she will be missed, but we have wonderful, loving memories.*

❤️❤️❤️ *Kay*

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**Kay Lindsey** - June 15, 2023 at 05:53 PM

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“ Dear Ann, Sue and families. I am so sorry for your loss of your wonderful mom. I have very fond memories of her as a kid, playing with the two of you and all our cousins. I also very much enjoyed my time with her in the thumb in more recent years. May God send you comfort and peace. You will always have your memories of a loving mother. Your cousin, Nancy Shope Greer

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**Nancy Greer** - June 15, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Heider.



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June 14, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dorothy Heider.



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June 14, 2023 at 04:43 PM