



Dorothy A. Hoffmeyer

July 13, 1944 - April 23, 2012

Dorothy A. "Dodi" Hoffmeyer, age 67, a resident of Beverly Hills for more than 40 years, died on April 23, 2012. She was born July 13, 1944 in Detroit to the late Aleksander and Helena Duda. She married Gerald Hoffmeyer on December 26, 1969 at St. Suzanne's Church in Detroit. A beloved teacher for more than 30 years, Dodi employed creativity and fun to build a love of learning in her students, including tossing Jolly Ranchers across the room as motivation. She taught geography, social studies, grammar, and religion at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for 25 years, until her retirement in 2010. She was a member of the Accreditation Committee for the OLQM Parish School and coordinated the Geography Bee. She was also active in her parish, volunteering for the Bereavement and Christian Service Committees. She is survived by her husband, Gerald E. Hoffmeyer; daughter, Darcy Arin Franz of Alexandria, VA; and siblings, Raymond Duda and Margaret Kelly. She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Robert Kelly. There will be a memorial visitation Friday 5-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The family will receive friends Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until the time of Memorial Mass 12 noon at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Beverly Hills. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CLEAVE, 36588 Union Lake Road, Harrison Twp., MI 48045. CLEAVE Community Living, Education, & Vocational Enterprises was founded by the Hoffmeyers' dear friend and is a transitional home that teaches independence to people with developmental disabilities. Share your

memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Gosh,
Mrs. hoffmeyer, where do I begin... I guess first I'll apologize for using "gosh" I know, I know... but you, you were a light. The reason I explored so many different religions. The reason I took an interest in different cultures and communities. The reason why I got "do do do do dooooo" and question. Maybe the reason my curiosity publish that novel breast cancer research. I cant believe you left us so soon but I'm blessed to have had you in my life at just the right time. I will cherish the impact you had on my life for many lifetimes. I'm blessed and honored to have been taught by you. I'm hoping that when the Lord greeted you at those gates He said, "you get a jolly rancher."

Elizabeth James - April 15, 2023 at 11:41 PM

KH

“ *Darci: sorry I was not able to attend the services. I am glad Peggy and Ian were able to make it. I am sorry for your loss. I would see your mom every now and again and she was always very upbeat and proud of you. I hope you and your family will find some peace. We are right around the corner if you need anything. Kevin Halloran*

kevin halloran - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Darci, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mothers smile and laugh would always brighten up a room. Her spirit and light will continue to shine in all who were fortunate enough to know her. Meredith Brice Knopp*

Meredith Brice Knopp - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *The angels have a new reason to smile now that they have you! You were one of my most memorable teachers whom I will never forget! I look back fondly on our class trip to the DIA as well as the "hunters and gatherers" contest we held in our classroom. Your smile will be missed! Thank you for all you did!*

Katie McGowan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Mrs. Hoffmeyer was simply the best. She was the favorite teacher of hundreds of students, including my daughter. She affected students and parents with her beautiful smile, easy humor and christian attitude toward everything. As she shared her passion and gift for teaching, she touched so many lives in the process. I had enormous respect for her intellect, gratitude for her kindness and friendship, and most of all admiration for the person she was. Even though I'm a parent, I know I reflect the voice of many students, when I often think "when I grow up.... I want to be just like her". Mrs. Hoffmeyer certainly left a beautiful legacy to the OLQM community and will be forever loved & deeply missed. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Patty Payne - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Dodi's family. She will be missed by those who knew and loved her.. especially the Queen of Martyrs Family. She was a great teacher to my boys and continued to stay in contact with them throughout their lives. I will miss seeing you at church and chatting with you on Facebook!*

Sue and Fred Karwacki - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Please know that the Rosemonds are keeping you and your family in our hearts and prayers. My two children were blessed to have such a wonderful teacher! Her gift of laughter and those songs! My kids still have the maps they made in her classes! God Bless and keep you Doty! You will be missed.

The Rosemond Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Mrs. Hoffmeyer was one of the first teachers that I met at OLQM. She had the brightest smile on her face and she changed my opinion about OLQM. She loved teaching and it was as if it was a natural gift for her. She taught me so much and I will never forget her. She was very inspirational.

Marcus Latham-Price - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Darcy and Arin, We are thinking of you and wish we had the words to comfort you. We are saddened by your loss and we love and care for you both deeply.

Dave & Debbie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Darcy and Arin- words cannot express how sorry I am to hear this news. Please let me know if you guys need anything at all. Love you both. Debbie

Debra Welsh - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are so blessed as parents of OLQM to have had Dorothy Hoffmeyer teach and love our children. Dorothy clearly loved what she did and loved our children while she taught them to love whatever subject she was teaching. Not only did she dedicate her time to our children in the classroom but took time out of her day to visit her students as they participated in other extracurricular activities. Nothing makes a child feel more special than a caring teacher who shows up to watch you Irish Dance, play hockey, or run a fundraising garage sale. The McMurray family has been blessed by having known Dorothy Hoffmeyer and I pray that we find a way to take the love she shared with us and share it with others in kind. Our prayers are with Dorothy and her family. God Bless you.

Robert McMurray - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OK

“ Mrs Hoffmeyer was an excellent teacher. On my first day off school at OLQM it was immediately clear how warm hearted and welcoming she was. I could not have asked for a better teacher for my time in Michigan.

Oliver Kearney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Mrs. Hoffmeyer inspired me in so many ways when I was her 6th grade student back in 2006-07. She was always forgiving, had a passion for teaching, and made a huge impact in my life. Now that I'm a junior in high school, I've come to realize that she was the person that originally sparked my passion to learn more about the world around me, and love others. In a school that's surrounded by so many learning opportunities, I've come to find that Mrs. Hoffmeyer instilled the same fervor for education in her classroom, and that each of my classes has a piece of her personality and attitude towards learning within it. She was the one who originally made learning so fantastic. When I grow up, I hope to be just as lively and loving as she was.

Gabrielle Marquard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our family was privileged to have Mrs. Hoffmeyer teach all three of my children. She made a huge impact on all of their lives fostering a love of history that all three children have to this date. She made learning fun and yet she challenged her students to think for themselves and really learn and critique the history she taught. She made a huge impact on many lives and will be greatly missed!

Jeanne Barron - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Hoffmeyer Family, Mrs. Hoffmeyer was my two oldest boys favorite teacher. My other children were disappointed when she retired as they were looking forward to having her as a teacher. My son Jack and I recently had a conversation about what an inspiring teacher she was and how much he learned from her. I then had the pleasure of running into her recently and was able to tell her. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, The Reaume Family

The Reaume Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Dodi made a real difference in the lives of her family, her students, and her friends. She was like a very special sister to all of us. We will miss her terribly. Rest in peace, dear friend.*

Mary & Doug Bader - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Unlike some teachers, who must think the preteen years are just one more thing to get through on your way to adulthood, Mrs. Hoffmeyer really enjoyed us. We could tell because she listened to us, helped us, believed in us. Even the miscreants. She cared about all of us. And we loved her. As students, as adults. She was the kind of person you could never forget, who will always have a special place in our hearts. With all my love, Jill Winkler Douglas*

Jill Winkler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *Dodi was a wonderful teacher and the reason I brought my two younger children to OLQM. She was very knowledgeable and engaging. She truly cared about her students. She will be missed.*

Victoria Bigelow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Ms. Hoffmeyer was one of the best teachers I ever had. It wasn't just that she made learning fun, but that she actively cared about her students. I'll never forget the way she encouraged me when times were tough, and I am so grateful I got to know her. OLQM 00'*

Michael Bigelow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Michael Bigelow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“*Mrs. Hoffmeyer was one of my daughter's favorite teacher. She was a warm and caring teacher and person. It very sad to hear of her death and the short number of years of retirement after such a devote life to the children of OLQM. My family has her family in our prayers. Barb Maria*

Barbara Maria - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“*Some people are born to teach and Mrs. Hoffmeyer was one of those special people. Our children enjoyed her quick wit, engaging teaching style, and caring nature. She will be remembered fondly by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hoffmeyer family.*

The Nachazel Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“*Mrs. Hoffmeyer was a favorite amongst all students at OLQM for her kind heart and ability to connect with students. I always looked forward to seeing her at mass to catch up on how everything was going despite graduating in 1999. My prayers and love go out to the entire family and hope you are able to remember all the joy she brought to the world, especially the students at OLQM. The Jolly Rancher company will miss her! Laura Ritter*

Laura Ritter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Hoffmeyer Family, Our hearts and prayers are with you at this time. Mrs. Hoffmeyer was one of my boys favorite teacher. She always enjoyed the candles the boys gave her. We even delivered one to her home after she retired! God bless her.

The Damman Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Jerry, Darcy and Arin You have our sincere sympathy. Our prayers are with you at this time. We are so glad we all had the chance to spend this past Christmas together. I'll never forget on this trip to your house for Christmas. I had index cards with the directions on them that Arin had given me. Dodi was in the back seat with her garman and the ladie speaking on the garman was going crazy not liking Arin's directions at all. Dodi turned the ladie off and just watched the screen. We all got a big bang out of this. Love You, Mom and Dad Franz

Steve Franz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Rest in peace Dodi, you will forever be in our hearts. We will miss you.

Don & Diane Hoffmeyer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ i worked with dodi for over 10 years and did enjoy our confersations on various subjects. she will be missed a great deal.my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

dennis brown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Darcy We will never forgot coming to your house for halloween and the special treats your mom had for the kids. Our hearts are heavy for you! She will be missed Love Peggy Halloran and family*

Peggy Halloran - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM