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Dorothy Jean Vikstrom of Washington Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully at the age of 79 on October 25, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Dorothy was born on August 12, 1946, to John and Gladah Baker in Lansing, Michigan. She is survived by her husband Dennis; their children (and their spouses) Jeff (Ruth), Brian (Karen), and Corrie (Jim); and their grandchildren Zoe, Maya, Grant, Justin, Eli, Phillip, Alyson, Brynn, Tyler, Febe, Emily, and Chloe. She is also survived by her sister Betty Jo (late husband Don) Swets and her brother John (Norma) Baker. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Joyce.

Dorothy married Dennis Vikstrom on May 17, 1968. They met at General Motors, enjoying a whirlwind romance. They were married for 57 years, raising three children and later welcoming twelve grandchildren.

Everyone who knew Dorothy would describe her as vibrant, youthful, and energetic. She centered her life on her love of God and family, dedicating countless hours to making holidays and family gatherings special, filled with joy and homemade baked goods. For many years, she worked as the Washington Elementary School secretary, where she was known for her

organization skills and friendly personality.

Dorothy shared a lifelong close relationship with her sister, Betty Jo, enjoying many of the same activities. They lived near each other for most of their lives and spent many winters together in Orange Beach Alabama.

Dorothy loved running, biking, and gardening. She and Dennis took many family camping trips across the United States and worked on numerous projects together, including building a house while their children were young. They shared a loving relationship filled with laughter and adventure. In retirement, Dorothy became an avid quilter, creating more than sixty quilts for family and friends. She and Dennis renovated their cottage in Caseville, MI, to better host their expanding family.

Dorothy braved a devastating diagnosis of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) for years with good humor and faith. While many faculties faltered, she never lost her acute listening skills or her ability to recall the location of every object in her home. Throughout her illness, she remained positive, trusting in God and her loving husband as her caretaker. Her faith, love, and laughter will continue to live on in her family.

The visitation will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church at 61095 Campground Rd Washington MI 48094, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. and a catered lunch.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cross of Glory Lutheran Church or to CurePSP at www.psp.org

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
61095 Campground Rd.
Washington, MI 48094

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

NJ

“ I met Dorothy in 1977 when I joined a Welcome Wagon bridge group. We played together for more than 20 years. She was an excellent player and a good teacher and she was such fun to be around. She will be missed.
Nora Jobe

Noralee Jobe - November 24, 2025 at 07:20 PM

MH

“ Dorothy was one of the buddy's in our exercise & craft group meeting at Phoenix 5 for years. I just loved our conversations & her vitality. I never knew of her severe health ailments. She & her sister were such great warm people to be with
My deepest sympathy to the family and her sister. We are unable to go to Orange Beach anymore but hold all these wonderful gals in my heart and now Dorothy. Rest now in peace with out dear God,
Dorothy. Luv ya ,
Mary Hyde Wisconsin

Mary Hyde - November 22, 2025 at 06:59 PM

CF

“ When my husband and I moved to Washington, Dorothy was a first one to come over and welcome us. She was always asking about our kids and giving her kind support whenever she could. I knew that I could go over and ask for help anytime. Denny would give us the clothes off his back. He is a great neighbor. She will be missed ❤️ The Fulkerth family.



CYNTHIA FULKERTH - November 14, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JW

“ Your mother was a beautiful woman of God and will be missed. God bless all the family, especially Corrie and Jim and your family. Love you all.

The Whitmores

Julie/Steve Whitmore - November 13, 2025 at 01:45 PM

AK

“ We offer our sincerest condolences to Dorothy’s Family on her passing. We are sure that she will be kept alive in the hearts of all those who knew her and in the memories of the way she touched their lives.

- Art & Donna Kendzierski - Your Caseville neighbors

Art & Donna Kendzierski - November 13, 2025 at 01:15 PM

JD

“ To the family of Dorothy Vikstrom, please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in knowing that “God is close to the brokenhearted” as Psalms 34:18 says.

Julie D. - November 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM

LM

“ Vikstrom Family, I'm praying that our God of all comfort will comfort you as you grieve the loss of your mom, wife, and grandmother. Surely, nothing has or can separate her from the love of God in Christ (Rms 8:35-39)! She is now home. Her suffering is over. May you be strengthened and comforted in memories of her and her faith. - Laura Musoke, Jeff's co-worker at World Renew.

Laura Musoke - November 04, 2025 at 11:41 AM

LF

“ I remember vividly what a warm and wonderful hostess Dorothy was as we stayed with her and Denis during the last reunion of the class of 59! That weekend was very special for myself and my husband Bruce, made special by Dorothy in honor of Denis!

Liz Francisco - November 03, 2025 at 11:28 AM



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



October 30, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CF

“ Carol & The World Renew Family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Jean Vikstrom.

Carol & The World Renew Family! - October 30, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Vikstrom.



October 29, 2025 at 04:50 PM

VT

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dorothy at Washington Elementary school for many years. She shared with me how she would go in the teacher's lounge and take a 15 minute power nap. They really work! Then we reconnected in November of 2023. I had the joy of helping her and Denny . She always had a beautiful smile to give me. A very special and loving lady. I will miss her, but we will meet again love you, Lifting Denny and family up in prayer ❤️

Vickie Thronset - October 29, 2025 at 02:13 PM

NR

“ I am so very sorry for this great loss. I have so many memories of being in your home and especially visiting the cottage with Dave and Makala many years ago. Dorothy always was filled with energy, determination, and care and was always ready to serve others. After becoming an adult I continued to send Christmas cards to Dorothy and Dennis as they had become such special people in my life. I always enjoyed received a heart felt response from Dorothy. She will be dearly missed.

Nicole Roth - October 29, 2025 at 01:45 PM

AA

As fellow snowbirds we so enjoyed Dennis and Dorothy and MaryJo at Phoenix 5. Always ready to help, all ready for card games and walks on the beach. I am thankful for many warm memories. Arlene Ace

Arlene Ace - November 23, 2025 at 02:19 PM