



Dorothy Mae (Jaques) Speth

August 16, 1924 - January 12, 2019

Obituary

Dorothy Mae (Jaques) Speth, age 94, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe, WI. She was born on August 16, 1924 at her Grandmother Huxtable's home in Mineral Point, WI, the child of Lester and Alice (Huxtable) Jaques.

Dorothy attended school in Belmont, WI, graduating in 1942. She later attended Bayless Business College in Dubuque, IA for a short time before moving to Milwaukee to work at the Postal Telegraph with her cousin. Eventually she returned to Belmont to work at the Farmer's Savings Bank in Mineral Point.

Throughout high school, that "Speth boy" had always been around and on her birthday in 1945, James Speth gave her a diamond. They were married on the evening of November 22, 1945 during a snowstorm, at the Belmont Methodist Church. From that day forward a partnership was formed: Jim and Dorothy, Dorothy and Jim.

Their first venture was Jimmies Dairy Bar in downtown Belmont. It was a restaurant with soft serve ice cream and included a dairy and milk route. That was followed by their decision to buy the grocery store and cafe across the street. Always working together and finding opportunities, they eventually

found a small restaurant and store in Brodhead, WI, and in 1957 moved their family of four kids and a dog. They named it the Naber Inn. Then in 1965, Jim was hired as the manager of a supper club outside of Brodhead that was to be called The Chalet, which they later purchased. While Jim was busy with the day to day operations, so was Dorothy. She became the bookkeeper, hostess, office manager and whatever else might be needed. Dorothy and Jim were members of the Wisconsin Restaurant Assn - Blackhawk Chapter. Unfortunately, in 1994, The Chalet was destroyed in a fire and they retired....Or maybe not Dorothy.... Dorothy had always loved sewing. From her high school days taking dresses to the State Fair to making clothes for herself and daughters, the sewing machine was always out. She started her own sewing business, "Espethicially Yours" sewing for others, specializing in bridal alterations. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, its quilters group, and over the years made many, many quilt tops that were then finished and sent for mission work. Dorothy also was a member of the Brodhead Red Hatters.

Dorothy loved entertaining, especially at their home on Decatur Lake where they lived for 30 years. There were great times filled with lots of fun, laughter, food and more food, evenings around a campfire and trips up and down the lake on the pontoon with family and friends or just the two of them. She also loved traveling to many places in the States, but especially the Florida Keys and Gulf Shores, AL. So now she travels again, this time to find that 'Speth Guy." But wherever they are, there will be music and the band better know how to play Tiny Bubbles.

Dorothy is survived by three children; Leonard (Christine) Speth, Baraboo, WI, Kathryn (Tom) Matteson, Davis, IL, Michelle (Randy) Krahenbuhl, Green Bay, WI; fourteen grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son Steven, Daughter-in-law Theresa, grandsons Matthew and Wade, great-granddaughter Scarlett and

brother Neil.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brodhead, WI, with Rev. Peder Johanson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, WI. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of services at the church. The D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, WI, is assisting the family. Memorials can be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brodhead, WI.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Dorothy Mae (Jaques) Speth, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *We are so sorry.*

Carl and Rachel Hearing - January 18, 2019 at 04:54 PM

PM

“ *Dear Speth Family, Dorothy and Jim gave so much to Brodhead with their restaurants, motel, and community service. They also provided jobs for so many people, especially high school kids looking for part time work. I worked at The Chalet while in high school, and Dorothy provided me with letters of reference for scholarships and other restaurant jobs while I was in college. I have fond memories of both of them. Also, I know my parents valued their friendship and greatly respected them as business people. My sincere condolences to you.*

Patty McManus - January 16, 2019 at 06:47 PM

KN

“ *Dear Speth family, Our deepest sympathy and condolences. We all have special and fond memories of Dorothy, having shared many Wisconsin Restaurant Association events with her and Jim. We were blessed to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May you find peace and comfort through Jesus Christ our Savior. Sincerely, The Natter Family, Ole, Sally, Dave, Beth, Dan & Kim*

Kim Natter - January 16, 2019 at 09:14 AM

J1

“ Thinking of Kathy and the family on the passing of your mother. I am sorry . Your mother was a kind lady. The Naber Inn was the "Hang-out" in Brodhead, after all the games, good fun, and the pizza, the best ever. My friends and I enjoyed Sunday afternoons with cherry cokes and fries. The Chalet, was a wonderful supper club. Keep the memories close to your hearts. Rest in Peace, Dorothy. In Friendship, Jenny Zimmerman Mitchell-Class of 1969

Jenny Zimmerman Mitchell-Class of 1969 - January 15, 2019 at 07:01 PM

BS

“ Deepest sympathies to the Speth family!!

Betty Sauer - January 15, 2019 at 06:59 PM

MF

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Matthew Frie - January 15, 2019 at 06:02 PM

RF

“ So sorry for your loss, may your many happy memories shared give you all that special hug. The party going on in heaven is a special one that is for sure.

Randy & Brenda Fowler - January 15, 2019 at 03:19 PM

SN

“ Shirley Nordeng

Shirley Nordeng - January 15, 2019 at 02:13 PM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss. I fondly remember Dorothy and Jim as sweet family people.

Sheba Birchfield - January 15, 2019 at 02:01 PM

JS

“ Back in the mid-1960's I was hired to be organist at the Chalet Supper Club. What fun times and I was treated so well by Jim and Dorothy. I wish you peace and want you to know how very sorry I am for your loss.

JoAnn (Olson) Schober - January 15, 2019 at 01:04 PM

SF

“ Dorothy was always so kind to the kids and me at church!! Loved her wit and spunk! Sending hug and love Kathy

Sally Baxter and family - January 15, 2019 at 10:44 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jeff and Wanda (Maurer) McLain - January 15, 2019 at 10:07 AM

BR

“ My deepest condolences to your family, Lenny, Shelly, Mandy and all. Fond memories of the Chalet and especially when Dorothy did the alterations to my daughter, Melissa's, wedding gown. She was so fun to talk to and did an awesome job. I know you'll all miss her very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Billie Reynolds - January 14, 2019 at 10:40 PM

GS

“ *What a very special lady. She will be missed by many. So sorry for you loss*

Gerri Shearer - January 14, 2019 at 10:30 PM

KA

“ *Dorothy was one of my favorite people in the world. Can't recount the amount of dresses she either made for me or did alterations on throughout the course of my life. Her loss will surely be felt beyond the outskirts of this community. Everyone loved her.*

Katie - January 14, 2019 at 09:16 PM

CB

“ *Such memories. The Naber Inn, for me literally the naber inn. Fun times with "the Speth kids . Jim and Dorothy were like a second set of parental eyes. My sympathies Lenny Kathy and Shelly*

Carolyn Bernstein - January 14, 2019 at 07:53 PM

SC

“ *So sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. One of my first jobs was at the Chalet. Dorothy and Jim were wonderful people.*

Sue Coplien - January 14, 2019 at 07:05 PM

TT

“ *So sorry to for your loss. May you find comfort in her peace. Praying for your whole family.*

Todd & Natalie Forrester, Brett & Tyler - January 14, 2019 at 06:56 PM

J6

“ Lenny, Kathy, and Shelly, My deepest sympathy to each of you. May you each remember the jokes, laughs and great memories of your Mom, when those moments of sadness and tears occur and they will at various times in the future weeks. I will always remember the Naber Inn and the root beer floats and the aroma of pizza!!! May peace be with each of you.

Jan Peterson (Class of 65) - January 14, 2019 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ My sympathy to the family. I remember Dorothy's smile - every Friday night at the Chalet! Such a nice, gracious lady.

Janet Green Bartz - January 14, 2019 at 12:01 PM

SS

“ We have such fond memories of he Naber Inn from the 50s & 60s. Jim & Dorothy were always working. Fun days hanging out with Steve & Lennie. Our deep sympathy to the family.

Steve & Denise Saunders - January 14, 2019 at 08:41 AM

TS

“ Tammy sweeney

Tammy sweeney - January 14, 2019 at 12:12 AM

MK

“ Lenny, Kathy, and Shelly, Your mom was such a lovely lady. Your parents were such great hosts in their business and in their home. My parents treasured their friendship. The laughs they shared were countless. They're sitting around a fire or table now enjoying each other.

Mary Witte Kananian - January 13, 2019 at 09:48 PM

AO

“ *With our condolences*

Allen and Donna Olson - January 13, 2019 at 07:41 PM