



Dorothy Jane (Marker) Shimko

September 12, 1925 - August 15, 2020

Obituary

Brodhead - Dorothy Jane (Marker) Shimko, age 94, returned to the heart of God on Saturday, August 15, 2020. She was born September 12, 1925, in Farmington, Pennsylvania, to Jesse Marker and Martha (Kunkle) Marker. Early on, Dorothy said she wouldn't marry a farmer or a pastor because they worked long hours. Then, on July 18, 1944, she married Amos Shimko in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Born and raised on a farm, Amos later answered God's call to the ministry in 1953. This commitment eventually took Dorothy and her family to Briggsville, Wisconsin in 1958 so Amos could attend Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Dorothy and Amos enjoyed a loving relationship with each other, a precious walk with God, and were dedicated partners in Christian ministry. Sharing her faith and witness in both personal interaction and service, Dorothy was a life-long member of The (United) Methodist Church. She was active in Christian education classes, United Methodist Women, adult choirs and directing children's choirs in congregations they served in Mount Morris/Taylorstown/Bald Hill, PA; Briggsville/Moundville/Endeavor, WI; Mt. Horeb, WI; west side Madison; WI, Brodhead, WI; Spooner/Lakeview, WI; and Wauwatosa, WI. A Licensed Practical Nurse, Dorothy also served the needs

of others in a hospital and nursing homes.

Dorothy loved children. When her own children were grown, she provided day care for many years for a child of working parents.

Dorothy gardened all her life, especially organic gardening, freezing and canning thousands of quarts of home-grown food for the family. From the time she was a young homemaker, her home often smelled of freshly baked bread, cake, pie, cookies, and homemade soup and noodles.

In 1988 Dorothy and Amos retired to Brodhead, WI. After Amos passed away in 2014, Dorothy found another calling in music ministry at Woods Crossing Woods Point. Playing the piano by ear, she delighted the residents in regularly scheduled “sing-alongs.” Residents looked forward to these music sessions where they could request their favorite songs.

Dorothy is survived by five children: Deanna (Charles), Dale, Darl (Jacque), Dawn and Devin (Carrie) and six grandchildren: Deborah, Gretchen, Heather, Lexi, Darien and Bryce and nine great-grandchildren as well as four brothers James, Albert, George and Earl and two sisters Arlene and Wanetta. Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband Amos, her sister Alice, infant sisters Aleta and Thelma, and brothers Glendall, Elmer, Wilmer, and John.

The family wishes to thank the staffs of UW Health Carbone Cancer Center, Madison; Woods Crossing Woods Point, Brodhead; and Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care, Janesville, for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) or Building Cambodia, Inc.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date in Farmington, Pennsylvania.

Condolences for the family may be sent to Deanna Shimko, 5341 Northwest Hwy, Waterford, WI 53185, or online at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, is assisting the family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Dorothy Jane (Marker) Shimko, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall



“ Hi Grammy, I know your up there watching over me and the boys, and Darien as well. You were right about James. Divorce is hard. I wish I could talk to you and tell you how much I love and miss you. <3

Lexi Shimko - February 15, 2022 at 07:20 PM

CC

“ Dear Darl and family, I was so sad to hear of your loss. What a lovely lady your mom was. She was such a dear friend to my parents too.

Colet Markham Cook - August 27, 2020 at 01:40 PM

MF

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Matthew Frie - August 24, 2020 at 05:00 PM

RV

“ Deanna & Family, Our sympathy is with you. You are in our prayers.

Rev. Rafael Cubilette, OSL & Mariana Vargas - August 20, 2020 at 05:39 PM

DO

“ To the Shimko family. I'm sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was always a very happy woman with a big smile for everyone.

Donna Olson - August 20, 2020 at 03:00 PM

MS

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to the entire families of Dorothy. Deanna, we had some great times in church activities, especially choir practices on Wednesday nights in Mt. Horeb. And your mother sometimes had to end the sessions... RIP Dorothy

Mary and Heinz Schmocker - August 20, 2020 at 11:44 AM

AD

“ Deanna and siblings and family.....We extend deep sympathy in the loss of your mother. I remember that warm smile of hers. Having experienced the loss of parents we feel your grief and know the close of this chapter in your life is not easy. From many years ago in Mt. Horeb, please know we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Ann (Himsel) and Phil Dettwiler - August 20, 2020 at 08:27 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry for the entire family's loss. She was a kind, wonderful neighbor. Every day she walked her laps in her driveway. One winter day, I seen her outside, so I went over to chat. She said with amazement, "This good looking man, came from your house & shoveled out my fire hydrant, do you know him?" I told her yes, that he was my boyfriend. She told me "He's good looking - you need to keep him." I then brought him over, so she could formally meet him. She was such a sweetheart ❤️❤️

Diana Schultz - August 19, 2020 at 08:49 PM

RG

“ My heart aches as the world has lost an angel but heaven has gained one.

Rev. Krystal Goodger - August 19, 2020 at 09:10 AM

VB

“ Dorothy will be sincerely missed. She touched many. Alyssa Nagy remembers her genuine hugs and greetings

Vanita baumgartner - August 18, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DH

“ To the Shimko Family,I am very sorry for your loss. I know how you are grieving,I just lost my Mother July 10,2020. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless.

Dianne Henning - August 18, 2020 at 05:15 PM