



Dorothy Mae (Stuessy) Gessert

February 20, 1928 - December 2, 2018

Obituary

Dorothy M. Gessert, age 90, passed away on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at Collinwood Elder Care, Brodhead, WI. She was born on February 20, 1928 in Avon Township, Rock County, WI, the middle child of 13, born to Albert and Elizabeth (Rhyner) Stuessy. She attended Stokes School in Rock County and later earned her G.E.D. On May 27, 1950, she and Robert G. Gessert were married in the Brodhead Evangelical United Brethren Church parsonage. Together they farmed the Dr. M. W. Stuessy farm for over 20 years, earning recognition for their conservation methods and progressive agricultural practices. Upon sale of the dairy farm, they moved to their own acreage on Nelson Road where they tended an orchard, large vegetable, domestic and native flower gardens, chickens, ducks, turkeys, and a menagerie of animals besides beef cattle.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Robert K. Gessert of Richmond, IL, Dawn (James) Lawrence of Brodhead, WI, and Crystal (Duane) Zimmerman of Monroe, WI; her grandchildren, Justin (Jodi) Corbit, Emilie (Nathan) Keen, Travis (Anne) Corbit, Seth (Kate) Corbit, Rebekah (Matthew) Bell, Micah (Kimberly) Zimmerman, Sarah (Daniel Moore) Zimmerman, Benjamin (Lorraine) Zimmerman, Lindsey (Charles) Stafford, and Erin (Ryan) Raffaele; 5 step-granddaughters; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Della Greenberg of Beloit, Letha (Arthur) Whipple of Monroe, Rheta (James) Nipple

of Brodhead, Lorna Mitchell of North Carolina, and brother-in-law H. Dan Poulson of Palmyra, WI. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers Delmar and Walter Stuessy, sisters Elmira Smith, Loretta Cox, Eleanor in infancy, Arlene Burgener, Alberta Norder, and Jeanette Poulson; her husband Bob's 11 siblings, their spouses, and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2018, at the United Methodist Church, Brodhead, WI, with Rev. Irv Case officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until time of services at the church. A memorial fund will be established.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. Elizabeth Manor, Footville, WI, and Collinwood Memory Care, Brodhead, WI, for their devoted care.

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

Tribute Wall

RV

“ Dorothy was a very special lady. I still remember my father talking about how he introduced his friend Bob Gessert to his cousin Dorothy. (Apparently it worked because they were married for many years until Bob passed away). Now he and Dorothy can be together again! Dorothy was also my mother's cousin and she always appreciated the visits from Dorothy when she was no longer able to get out. I especially enjoyed talking to Dorothy at our family reunions. She was always interesting, knowledgeable and fun to spend time with. I know how very much she will be missed. With deepest sympathy and many kind thoughts for you. Rhonda

Rhonda (Stuessy) Volk - December 22, 2018 at 10:53 AM

CR

“ My sympathies to you all. Like many others I enjoyed Dorothy's columns very much. Our families met in the '50's in Avon township. (Lindeman is my maiden name) I'd like to let Lorna know that her friend, my sister, Donna also sends her sympathy. We have a pic of the two of you in matching snowsuits by Barr School! Memories. Take care.

Carol Lindeman Ritchie - December 17, 2018 at 01:01 PM

ES

“ A THE COLOR OF MEMORIES TABLE ARRANGEMENT was sent by Jeannette and Alyssa on December 13, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - December 13, 2018 at 10:32 AM

JM

“ Dorothy was a truly a lady, who cared about Nature. She was a member of The Prairie Enthusiasts-Prairie Bluff Chapter and gave many hours of her time to the restoration of prairies. She also, had written a column for the Brodhead Independent Register, for many years, and I truly enjoyed reading all her adventures and all about birds. May she Rest in Peace.... Jenny Zimmerman Mitchell

Jenny Zimmerman Mitchell - December 11, 2018 at 01:24 PM

LH

“ Dorothy was a gentle spirit and had a smile to light up the room. What a lovely lady she was. She will be missed

LouAnn Harmel - December 10, 2018 at 08:32 PM

RR

“ Thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Randy and Ginger Riese - December 09, 2018 at 06:25 PM

AO

“ With our condolences.

Allen and Donna Olson - December 08, 2018 at 08:27 PM

RF

“ So sorry for your loss.

Randy & Brenda Fowler - December 07, 2018 at 09:09 AM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady. Always enjoyed her articles in the paper.

Barbara Robinson Clark - December 05, 2018 at 06:53 PM

DW

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Don and Brenda Wahl - December 05, 2018 at 09:48 AM

JS

“ *My heartfelt condolences for your loss. May the memories you shared together help bring you some comfort during this difficult time. Our Father in the heavens who comforts us in all our trials gives us a hope that's found in Isaiah 25:8,9.*

Jackie S - December 04, 2018 at 07:57 PM

RV

“ *My sympathy to you for your loss. Dorothy had a wealth of knowledge that thankfully she shared in her newspaper article for others to enjoy. You can be very proud of her and the lovely family she raised.*

Rita Vickers - December 04, 2018 at 02:46 PM

VK

“ *Very nice person to have known. Always enjoyed her articles in the Brodhead Register.*

Virgil and Judy Keller - December 03, 2018 at 02:49 PM

RD

“ *Sorry to learn of your loss. Dorothy was a great neighbor. If I had a question about prairie plants or weeds and couldn't figure it out myself, she was the first one I would ask. Sharing her knowledge made the area a better place. My condolences to the family*

Ray Douglas - December 03, 2018 at 08:03 AM