



Mrs. Dorothy J. Roberts

June 6, 1926 - July 16, 2016

Mrs. Dorothy J. Roberts passed away peacefully on July 16, 2016 surrounded by family. She had celebrated her 90th birthday just a few short weeks ago together with over 150 friends and family who had traveled from as far away as Sweden to wish her a happy birthday.

A resident of Walden Place for the past five years, Dorothy served as the "official" Ambassador and greeter at Walden. She was a Cortland resident since 2000 and a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Cortland. Dorothy was a beautiful person both inside and out, a bad word never passed her lips and she always found the good in everyone she met, as evidenced by the outpouring of love at her birthday celebration. She took great pride in building and maintaining friendships and family relationships., and nurturing love with everyone. Dorothy was dedicated to her family, friends and faith throughout her lifetime. She was the loving wife of Edward M. Roberts who passed away, February 13, 2007., after 56 years of marriage. Throughout their lives together, Dorothy would be remembered for her amazing baking of pies, rolls and cinnamon buns which everyone loved, in particular Ed, who would get ready for his early shift at the Post Office in Ithaca with the smell of Dorothy baking as early as 3:30 in the morning. Dorothy was devoted to her family and made sure that her 3 children, Mark, Miriam and James all focused on school and extracurricular activities. She took great pride in the fact her three children excelled in school, went to college and enjoyed successful

careers.

During the children's youth , Dorothy was active in the Town of Danby in many roles, including serving several years as Town Clerk and Council Person. She was an active member of the Danby Federated Church throughout her lifetime. When her children were in school full time, Dorothy became a secretary at Cornell University and became the indispensable right hand to a number of professors at the University. She was extremely well regarded and enjoyed her role greatly. Regardless of issues Dorothy may have faced in her life, including the loss of her mother at a young age and being raised in an orphanage, of which Dorothy had fond memories, Dorothy always had a smile on her face, a laugh that was contagious and a twinkle in her eye, that just said "Life is grand!" She never complained and always took on life's challenges as if that were just part of what life was all about.

Dorothy is survived by her children; Mark of Cortland, Mickey (Michael) Venti of Liverpool and Jim (Mary) Roberts of Philadelphia., seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren; her sister, Ruth Chisholm of Ithaca and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the United Presbyterian Church 25 Church St., Cortland, N.Y. with Dorothy's Pastor, Rev. David Johnson officiating. The Robert's family will be present to receive friends on Wednesday from 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y. prior to the services in church. Family and friends are invited to a pre service reception in the church parlor from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family has asked those who wish to honor her memory to please consider; United Presbyterian Church, Memo: Stained Glass Fund 25 Church St., Cortland, N.Y. 13045 or Walden Place, Memo: Activities Program 839 Bennie Rd., Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Dorothy was my right hand gal for the past few years at Walden Place, she saw me through transition from Program Director to Sales Director and always encouraged me along my path in the form of notes, chocolate and talks over coffee in my office. She even sat through sales training with me and helped me on many occasions by making calls and greeting every single family and visitor that came into Walden Place. I am honored to have known Dorothy and to have shared many smiles, laughter, hugs and great conversations, she will be greatly missed.

Jessica Daily - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

GR

“ We have many fond memories of our sister in law, Dorothy Roberts. Dot and Ed helped us with our move from Ithaca, New York down here to Cedar Mountain, North Carolina Sorry we can't be up there now with the family. Thinking of you Mark, Mickey, Jim and families. We should all have such a good long life like Dorothy had. Note she is in heaven with her beloved husband Ed. Rest in peace. With loving thoughts, Sandy and Gordon Roberts

Gordon and Sandy Roberts - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

DP

“ What a nice picture of Dorothy! She was so happy & blessed at her 90th birthday celebration. Our notable memory of her & Ed was sharing a motel room at the Syracuse airport before our flight to Hawaii. He snored and she ate crackers looking out of the window. The whole trip was a blast! Dawn & George Parks

Dawn & George Parks - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

GP

“ Our memory is of their trip with us to Hawaii. We shared a motel room the night before the early morning flight. Ed snored and Dot was up eating crackers while looking out of the window. The whole trip was a hoot! They were great friends and we have many memories!George & Dawn

George & Dawn Parks - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

DA

“ We visit my own mother at Walden Place and although we don't know most of the residents we certainly knew Dorothy. She was so friendly and always remembered our names. She was always quick to greet us as we came in and always had a warm smile. She left a big impression and we will feel her absence!

Deborah Azoulay - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

GH

“ We are so sorry to learn about the loss of Dorothy. She was such a lovely lady ~ always cheerful, always had a kind word and a smile. She was a person who bloomed where she was planted all through her years in Danby, and our community greatly benefited from her being such a wonderful neighbor. Our thoughts are with you during this very sad time.Sincerely,

Garry and Gay Huddle - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

CG

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. I had known her for a very short time but felt I had known her forever. Every time I visited my mother, I would see Dorothy as well. She always had a smile. She will be greatly missed.

Carol Grubb - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

JG

“ I knew Dorothy (and Ed) through their many years of dedicated service to the Town of Danby. hers was a gentle spirit, always ready to give people the benefit of the doubt and look for the good. It was a great loss to us when they moved to Cortland -- but a great gain for Cortland! We will all miss her.

Joel Gagnon - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

JP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out for Dorothy and to her family, especially Mark and Jim. Dorothy was a pleasant lady and she will be missed.

John Pearson - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

IA

“ I was very saddened to learn of Dorothy's passing. Whenever I visited my mother at Walden Place she was always quick to greet me with a smile & by name when she saw me. Future visits to WP will not be the same without seeing her smiling face.

Ivan Angell - May 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM