



Dorothy Behrens

November 11, 1926 - January 10, 2010

Dorothy Behrens, age 83, of Carroll, Iowa, died Sunday, January 10, 2010, at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll following a five month battle with cancer.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 A.M., Thursday, January 14, 2010, at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Father Timothy Schott. Lector will be Ron Eich. Gift Bearers will be grandchildren, Lyndi Steger, Brenna Behrens, Lea Behrens, Kayla Pietig, Erin Holmes, Alex Holmes, and Tess Behrens. Eucharistic Ministers will be Jayne Pietig, Kevin Pietig, and Ken Behrens. The Carroll Catholic Daughters of America and Dedham American Legion Auxiliary will form an honor guard at the church. Casket Bearers will be grandsons, Chris Behrens, Curt Behrens, Chad Behrens, Joe Behrens, Jed Behrens, Jon Behrens, Jes Behrens, Brian Behrens, Bruce Behrens, Zach Behrens, Tate Behrens, R.J. Pietig, Craig Pietig, Cory Pietig, and Jacob Holmes. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 P.M. Wednesday. A rosary will be prayed at 4 P.M. Wednesday by the Carroll Catholic Daughters of America. There will be a Christian wake service at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday by St. Lawrence Parish. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or church for St. Anthony Hospice or the Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation.

Mrs. Behrens was born on November 11, 1926, at Willey, Iowa, the daughter

of Fred and Emma (Kennebeck) Kraus. She spent her younger years in the Willey and Lidderdale communities and attended Lidderdale Country School and Holy Family School. On November 16, 1949, she was married to Harry O. Behrens at Holy Family Church in Lidderdale with Father Lawrence Schoeppner officiating. The couple farmed west of Templeton where Dorothy raised their family and was a homemaker. In 1984 the Behrens' moved to their home in Carroll. She was a member of St. Lawrence Parish, Parish Ladies Guild, Dedham American Legion Auxiliary, and Carroll Catholic Daughters of America. Mrs. Behrens enjoyed her family, flowers, gambling, and playing cards.

Survivors include her children, Randy Behrens and his wife Jean of Manning, Ken Behrens and his wife Vicki of Templeton, Glenn Behrens and his wife Sue of Templeton, Jayne Pietig and her husband Kevin of Carroll, David Behrens and his wife Patsy of Andover, Minn., Connie Holmes and her husband Dan of Shenandoah, and Keith Behrens and his special friend Marianne Catapano of Maple Grove, Minn.; twenty-two grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; a sister, Louise Owens of Carroll; brothers, Al Kraus and his wife Irene of Maple River, Merle Kraus and his wife Mary Lou of Anita, and Bob Kraus and his wife Kathy of Carroll; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma Kraus of Denison, Florine Eich of Carroll, Rita Vonnahme of Arcadia, Donald and Arlene Behrens of Carroll, James and Margaret Behrens of Carroll, and Virgene Behrens of Carroll.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry O. Behrens, in May 2003; her parents; a grandson, Brett Behrens; brother, Paul Kraus; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert Behrens, Virgil Behrens, Louise Behrens, Harold Eich, James Owens, Erwin Vonnahme, and Marie and Ed Siepker; and by her father and mother-in-law, Henry and Mayme Behrens.

Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't know Dorothy, but I know that she was all about faith and family. I have witnessed those same priorities in her sons and grandsons. She must have been a good model. I will keep you folks in my prayers.

Dean Scott - January 14, 2010 at 10:39 PM

DH

“ Dorothy was a unique and fascinating woman and will be missed by many. Harry and Dorothy were my mom and dads best friends and growing up around them I got to see them share a lot of good times together, especially the gambling trips. I had lunch with Dorothy a few months ago and she was so proud to tell me about her entire family, she loved you all so much. God bless to you all. Dave and Connie Irlmeier Hoffman

Dave & Connie (Irlmeier) Hoffman - January 13, 2010 at 02:43 PM

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“ We are thinking about the whole family during this difficult time. Wonderful memories of this fantastic lady will guide you through. Much love to you all!
John, Catherine and Jack Coleman (Patsy's sister)

Catherine Coleman - January 11, 2010 at 10:35 PM

BE

“ What a fun, wonderful lady your Mom was. Her smile could light up a room.
We will be thinking of all of you in the next few days and pray that you will find comfort in your memories and each other.

Barb and Sean Ellis - January 11, 2010 at 04:14 PM

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“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO ALL OF YOU DURING THIS TIME-MAY YOUR SPECIAL MEMORIES HELP YOU-MARY ROHE & FAMILY

MARY ROHE - January 11, 2010 at 03:41 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Aunt Dorothy. She was my Godmother and I always remembered her as a sweet and loving woman. Your family is in my prayers and thoughts at this very sad time. She is now reunited with Harry and walking with Jesus. My sincere condolences go out to you and Dorothy's huge, extended family. Annette, David, Alex and Joe Raubvogel

Annette Kraus-Raubvogel - January 11, 2010 at 12:56 PM

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“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Dorothy will be missed by many but especially her family. We hope your many fond memories of time with her helps you all during this time.

Perry & Kathy DeJong and family - January 10, 2010 at 10:59 PM