



Dorothy Marie Blank

December 10, 1929 - November 25, 2015

Dorothy Marie Blank, age 85, went to be with the Lord on November 25, 2015. She was born in Long Prairie, Minnesota to Charles and Clara (Determan) Siegle. She attained a Medical Technologist degree in Minnesota. Dorothy was a devoted mother of five children and devoted to her husband. She has been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oak Ridge for 48 years. Dorothy loved gardening, working at St. Mary's White Elephant, participating in her grandchildren's lives, and being a guiding presence for her family. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Donald Siegle, her daughter, Janice Blank, and her husband, Merle Blank. Dorothy is survived by four children, Dr. Nancy Blank (Dr. William Pryor), David Blank (Vicki Ebert Blank), Linda Payne (Dr. Wesley Payne), and Jim Blank (Elizabeth Pressley Blank), and 9 grandchildren, Captain William Pryor, MD, Alison Pryor, Jessica Blank, Stephen Blank, Kendall (Payne) Allen, Anderson Payne, Taylor Payne, Brittany (Blank) Farabollini, and Haley Blank. She is also survived by brother Allen Siegle and wife Evelyn, and in laws Lorraine Siegle, Arlene Tangborn, Robert Blank and wife Lorene, and Evelyn Blank (Harry Cregar) as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday, December 5th at St. Mary's Parish in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Visitation will begin at 12:30 pm followed by the Funeral Mass at 2 pm. Graveside service will follow at Oak Ridge Memorial Gardens.

We will always miss you Mom, yet find joy in your eternal life in heaven provided through the grace given freely by our Lord and Savior.

Online messages may be left for the family at www.martinfuneralhomeoakridge.com. Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home is serving the Blank family.

Comments



“ Mrs. Blank was a lovely lady who will be sorely missed at St. Mary's Church. Her dedication to the church and service to others will be remembered. May she RIP.

Anne McGaugh - December 09, 2015 at 03:36 PM



“ Dan and I are so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. How could we ever forget our camping out experiences at Myrtle Beach many years ago. Catching crabs at night and having crab salad the next day (those horrible chicken necks you all used for bait) and Janice's jelly fish encounter. Basketball and softball teams, coached by your Dad and Dan. Wonderful memories to share. It was a pleasure to meet some of the younger generation today and you all have beautiful families. You come from great parents and we know how proud your Mom and Dad were of all of you.
Dan and Lee Costanzo

Lee Costanzo - December 05, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Nancy. Your Mother had to have been so special to everyone she touched. She sounds like an amazing role model for her family and friends. She will be missed.
Love to you all.
Amy and Mike Slifko

Amy Slifko - December 04, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ Joy and I (Fred) were sad to learn of Dorothy's death. We often had great visits with her when we would take various items to the "White Elephant". As you know, we had a very close relationship with both your Dad and Mother ever since your Dad first joined our group at ORAU Medical & Health Sci. Div. They were both very good and caring people and all of you were fortunate to have them as parents.

Our thoughts are very much with all of you at this very sad time.
Fred and Joy Snyder

Fred & Joy Snyder - December 04, 2015 at 07:55 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. I worked with Dorothy for many years at the White Elephant and admired her greatly. She was a lovely lady. We shared a love of gardening and she often asked my how my garden was. I have to go to Cincinnati today for the weekend so will have to miss the funeral. I'm with you in spirit and prayers.

Cassie and David Yates

Cassie Yates - December 04, 2015 at 03:37 AM



“ Arlene Blank Tangborn purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Dorothy Marie Blank.



Arlene Blank Tangborn - December 02, 2015 at 06:28 PM



“ To Dorothy's family and friends,

I am deeply sorry about Dorothy's passing. She was such a welcoming, lovely, and enjoyable presence for me whenever I stopped by the St. Mary's White Elephant. Her contributions to St. Mary's are most appreciated and she is deeply missed. May she rest in peace and may God provide comfort and peace to all who knew and loved her.

With deepest sympathy,

Steve Storch
Oak Ridge, TN

Stephen Storch - December 02, 2015 at 10:17 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie Blank.





“ Dorothy was an amazing woman. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was married to my oldest brother, Merle, who was so fortunate to have met her. She was very level headed and quite capable of dealing with anything encountered in her life. I knew her as a very intelligent and compassionate person and am glad I was among her friends as well as a relative. A significant memory I have of her was when I was 18 and she was a lab tech at the hospital in Bemidji, MN. I volunteered to donate to the blood bank and she did the withdrawal. I was so brave and thought I could get up immediately after the blood draw, against her advice. She was right .. I passed out and came to with some very concerned personnel surrounding me. I found out it was good to listen to her. She will be missed but memories and her life influences will last forever.

Arlene Blank Tangborn - December 01, 2015 at 11:05 AM



“ Nancy, Linda, Dave and Jim, Spouses and Grandchildren,

Bob and I send our deepest sympathy to Dorothy's family as we know how much she will be missed by each and everyone of you.

Our memories of Dorothy go back to the 50's and you know the story how your father traveled by boat from Carr Lake to Lake Bemidji to court Dorothy.

Our visits to Merle and Dorothy's home from Austin, MN to Oak Ridge, TN were memories we will always cherish.

Recent memories are: Thelma and Louise traveling to Dollywood and Pigeon Forge. What a fun trip. Lorene drove Dorothy's car and Dorothy was the Navigator. Every time I passed a slow vehicle Dorothy would say, "Yah, take him". Of course, Dorothy felt bad when we got lost on our way back to Oak Ridge as we traveled many miles out of our way, but we made the best of it and enjoyed the Smokey Mountains and all the beautiful scenery that we would have missed had we not been lost. I am also thankful for the time I had with Dorothy when I came for Brittany's wedding. Dorothy would call me every morning and say what should we do today, come for lunch or we will go out for lunch and I would pick her up everyday to go somewhere. We even went to the White Elephant one day and she introduced me to all her friends and I bought a pair of capri jeans.

Your Uncle Bob who told me in 2011 after our trip to Palm Springs, No more traveling for me.....he wants to be there to support his nieces and nephews.

See you soon,
Love Lorene (Rene) and Bob



Lorene Blank - November 28, 2015 at 08:35 PM