



Dorothy Rausch

December 1, 1943 - February 29, 2024

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church for Dorothy Rausch, age 80, who died Thursday, February 29, 2024, at the St. Cloud Hospital. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Parish Cemetery. The service will be live streamed at www.christcatholic.com.

Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN.

Dorothy was born in St. Cloud, MN to Daniel F. and Hildegard (Eisenschenk) Stein. She married David A. Rausch on December 28, 1963, in St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother who loved and served her family whole-heartedly. Dorothy worked as a teacher's aide at John Clark Elementary School in Rockville, MN for 23 years, where she touched many, many lives.

Dorothy had a rosary that her mother brought back from Fatima for her, and at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, she invited people to hold it so that she could keep them in her daily prayers. Over the past 14 years, she has had over 16,000 people (from priests and bishops to the clerks at Wal-Mart) hold her rosary, keeping track of the names of those who have held it in her notebooks. She even remembered and prayed for those who declined to hold her rosary as well as for those who she might have missed. Dorothy was an avid walker,

often taking her rosary with her. One day, to her dismay, it broke, and she lost one of the beads. She continued to walk the same route and pray to her “top four” saints (Joseph, Anthony, Jude and Michael) until miraculously, weeks later the bead was found. Besides the rosary, Dorothy loved to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and many other prayers. She could tell many stories of answered prayers and miracles involving her rosary. Dorothy had the privilege of making several pilgrimages, visiting the Holy Land, Fatima, Lourdes, and tracing the steps of St. Paul in Greece. Unfortunately, Covid put a stop to a pilgrimage to the Vatican that she had been looking forward to experiencing. Dorothy’s whole life was about prayer and living a holy life, working toward the goal of heaven.

Dorothy loved to dance. On Thursday nights you could typically find her at Rollies in Sauk Rapids, MN, boppin’ to the beat of the Rockin’ Rolliewoods. Dorothy was a wonderful baker, and she enjoyed gifting family and friends with her loaves of bread, ginger cookies and frosted roll out cookies, customized for each holiday.

Dorothy was a member of the Christian Women and the Mary Cenacle Group. She prayed regularly in front of Planned Parenthood and believed firmly in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. She did ministry at the St. Cloud Correctional Facility and Stearns County Jail for over a decade. As a committed member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, she taught religious education classes, was a cantor, and shared in leading the rosary before daily Mass.

She is survived by her children, Carolyn Maki; Daniel (Stephanie) Rausch and their children Jacob and Riley; Laurie (Stefano) Barreto and their children David, Daniel, Sofia and Samuel; Christopher (Kristina De Voe) Rausch; siblings Mary (Jerry Shea) Sullivan, LaVerne Van Tassel, Ron (Pinky) Stein, Tim (Janet) Stein, Ann (Mike) Forner; and sister-in-law, Kasi Stein. She was

proceeded in death by her husband, David; infant son, Brian; brother, Daniel; and brother-in-law, Bob Van Tassel.

The family would like to thank the staff at the St. Cloud Hospital, especially those in the ICU, Fr. Mark Stang and Fr. Isaiah Frederick, for their care of Dorothy during her final weeks.

Cemetery Details

St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Mass

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
501 Main Street
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Tribute Wall

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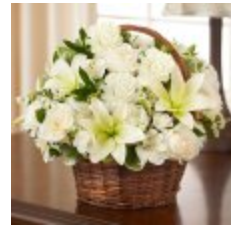
“ Tom & Ninette Sullivan and Family purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Dorothy Rausch.



Tom & Ninette Sullivan and Family - March 07, 2024 at 04:20 PM

WM

“ With love, Karen Maki purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Dorothy Rausch.



With love, Karen Maki - March 07, 2024 at 01:22 PM

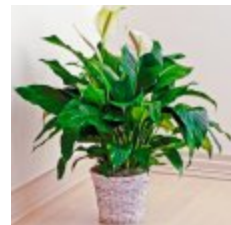
WM

“ With love, Karen Maki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Rausch.

With love, Karen Maki - March 07, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MS

“ Matt Joleen Lily Justin Caleb Sienna purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dorothy Rausch.



Matt Joleen Lily Justin Caleb Sienna - March 07, 2024 at 08:13 AM

VR

“ So sorry to hear about Dorothy, may God welcome her home. So sorry I won't be able to attend. Paula and I will make a memorial gift to the Abbey of the Hills in her memory! God Bless you all.

Val Rausch - March 06, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DL

“ Don, Paula & Lynn purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Dorothy Rausch.



Don, Paula & Lynn - March 05, 2024 at 09:04 PM

DL

“ Don, Paula & Lynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Rausch.

Don, Paula & Lynn - March 05, 2024 at 09:04 PM

SS

“ My sincere sympathy to the Rausch Family. When my mother passed away, Dorothy suddenly started sending me cards on my daughters anniversary, at Christmas and sometimes for no reason at all. All up-lifting and always so welcome. I always called Dorothy my "earth Angel" She picked up where my mother had left off. Prior to that I hardly knew Dorothy, after we became great friends. I will miss her dearly.

Sandy Storms - March 05, 2024 at 03:36 PM

CO

“ *Creative Planning Urbandale Office purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Dorothy Rausch.*



Creative Planning Urbandale Office - March 05, 2024 at 11:37 AM

TW

“ *Deepest sympathies to all of Dorothy’s loved ones as gratitude is offered to our Heavenly Creator for the inspiring Gift of Dorothy in our lifetime ...
Dorothy’s saintly presence lingers in the memory of the acts of kindness she brought to our world ... May she rest now in the arms of her Savior Jesus Christ our Lord 🙏*

Tom Weber - March 05, 2024 at 11:22 AM

LF

Thank u Tom

Iv farley - March 08, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy Rausch.*



March 05, 2024 at 09:21 AM

ML

“ *Mary and Lavern purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dorothy Rausch.*



Mary and Lavern - March 04, 2024 at 08:10 PM