



Mrs. Dorothy A. Fess

November 23, 1920 - November 15, 2020

Mrs. Dorothy A. Fess (Hoernlein)
Saginaw, Michigan

Loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt and dear friend was called home to her Lord and Savior on Sunday, November 15, 2020, while under the care of Hoyt Nursing and Rehab Center. She passed away just 8 days before her 100th birthday. Dorothy Ann (Hoernlein) Fess was born on November 23, 1920, in Saginaw, to the late John and Julia (Weiss) Hoernlein. She was married to Harold H. Fess on June 15, 1946, in Saginaw, where he predeceased her on October 23, 1972. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and its Altar Guild and Choir. Dorothy loved crocheting and needlepoint, cooking, baking and spending time in the yard. Mostly, she cherished the countless hours she spent with her family. Dorothy worked in housekeeping many years for Arrow Paper Products Co., retiring in 2000. She continued working as a personal housekeeper during her employment and following her retirement.

Surviving are her three children and their spouses, Diane M. (Rick L.) Michael, Saginaw, MI; William J. (Carol A.) Fess, Freeland, MI; Connie J. Fess (Daniel Griffin), Traverse City, MI; her daughter-in-law, Susan J. Fess, St. Johns, MI; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Dorothy was also

predeceased by her infant daughter, Kathleen Fess; her grandson, Jeffery Fess; her son, Larry A. Fess; her three brothers and one sister, Elmer, Wilbert, Robert and Adeline Hoernlein, and her loving “fur friends” Sunny and Sandy.

Due to the on-going health crisis, distancing is requested and masks are required. The Celebration of Dorothy’s Life will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss, Saginaw, Michigan, with her funeral service beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. Michael R. Korte will officiate. Dorothy will then be laid to rest, next to her husband, in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Memories and sympathies of Dorothy may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery

3356 Hermansau Road
Saginaw, MI 48603

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
808 Weiss St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Celebration of Life

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Committal Service

NOV 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy A. Fess*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mrs. Dorothy A. Fess*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Diane - my deepest sympathy to you as well as your entire family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of you mother. She was a very kind person to be around when we were kids. I am also sorry that during this difficult time your friends could not show their support in person. May your mother RIP.*

Jane (Likam) McClure

Jane McClure - November 19, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy A. Fess.*



November 18, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy A. Fess.*



November 18, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy A. Fess.*



November 18, 2020 at 07:18 AM



“ *Julia LaMear lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy A. Fess*



Julia LaMear - November 17, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Dorothy. She was such a sweet lady and I always enjoyed our "visits" when she came into the office. Mary (retired RDH)*

Mary Gamber - November 17, 2020 at 11:42 AM