



Dorothy C. Green

March 28, 1924 - May 29, 2018

Dorothy C. Green, age 94 years of Kankakee, passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at Riverside Senior Living Memory Care in Bourbonnais, Illinois. She was born on March 28, 1924 to John and Lena (Wopat) Cisar in the Town of Plymouth, Juneau County, Wisconsin. She grew to adulthood in the rural Elroy area and graduated from Royall High School, Elroy in 1941. While in high school she played clarinet in the band, acted in plays, and was prom queen.

Dorothy went on to nurses training, St. Mary's, Madison (1946); Public Health Nurse training, Univ. of MN (1947); and then worked as Wood County, Wisconsin Public Health Nurse (1947-'49). She married James P. (Jim) Green on August 2, 1948 in Wisconsin Rapids. The couple subsequently purchased a weekly newspaper, The Brooklyn Teller, in Brooklyn, WI which they ran for eight years (1949-'55). With Jim as her editor, Dorothy quickly learned to do interviews and write articles, along with all the other tasks needed to put together a weekly newspaper using a linotype machine.

Three children later - Sarah Ellen, James Ellery, Carrie Ann - the couple purchased a twenty-acre gentleman's farm outside Verona (1957-'68). Not only did Dorothy work part time as a nurse - Dane Co. Public Health Dept. Madison (1958-'59); Psychiatric and geriatric RN at Dane Co. Hospital and Home, Verona (1962-'68), and two summers at a Girl Scout Camp - she was an active mother serving as a Cub Scout Den Leader, a Girl Scout Leader, a 4-H Leader with the 4-H Fireballs club, and Chairman of the craft leaders

committee for the Dane County 4-H Club Council. She belonged to the League of Women Voters, was a Poll Worker, and sang in the St. William's Church Choir in Paoli.

When husband Jim Green found new employment as an editor for a book publisher in Waukesha, they settled in Wales, Wisconsin. Dorothy worked as a Psychiatric RN at Northview Hospital and Home in Waukesha (1969-'73).

Higher aspirations awakened and Dorothy returned to school: AA, UW Waukesha (1974); BS (Summa Cum Laude, English Major, Psychology Minor), UW Whitewater (1975); and Master's Degree in the School of Social Welfare, UW Milwaukee (1977). She became a Social Worker in the Foster Care Unit of the Waukesha County Department of Social Services (1977-1987). At UW Waukesha Dorothy was a tutor, academic counselor at registrations, and served as president and secretary of the Friends of Alumni of UW Waukesha, receiving their 1989 Outstanding Alumni Award.

Retirement brought time to focus on their home, the Village of Wales, and the Welsh Women's Club. After research showed the house had been built by the farmer, Hugh Elias, (Who sold off land for a water tower for the CNW railroad and subsequently led to settlement of the Village of Wales.), The couple named it the 'Ty Mar House'. Owned in the 1940's by George Webb of Wisconsin restaurant fame, the house is now Pedal's Inn Bed and Breakfast. The house was opened up for events (Including "A Day at Wales" which featured Welsh tenor Geraint Wilkes who sang at Prince Charles investiture as the Prince of Wales.) and tours. Jim and Dorothy Green won Volunteer of the Year Award from the Village of Wales.

2000 brought the couple moved to Riverside Senior Living's Westwood Oaks, Kankakee, Illinois and Dorothy began her 18 year involvement with local activities including Kankakee County Historical Society Museum, the Art League, Kankakee Kultivators, Kankakee Public Library programs, Kankakee Valley Civil War Roundtable, The Second Friday of the Month Club, Tai Chi with Gary Paruszkiewicz. She audited art classes at KCC and won the 2004 Kankakee County Volunteer of the Year Award in Arts and Culture. She

worked with the Literacy Program to help women prisoners create cassette tapes of books to give to their children. In fact, everywhere Dorothy lived throughout her whole life she helped others, served on committees, held offices, and won awards for her service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her infant brother, John Cisar, her sisters and their spouses: Mildred (Joe) Goodman and Sylvia (Armin) Wirth, and her son-in-law, John M. Wick. Dorothy is survived by her son, James E. (Barbara Ann Martin) Green, Palos Hills, and two daughters, Sarah E. Green, Madison, WI and Carrie Ann Wick, Peotone; two grandsons John A. (Corryne) Wick, Bremen, IN and Andrew (Brenda) Wick, Manteno; and four greatgrandsons: Cadwallen, Ansel, Ian, and Owen Wick, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A visitation will be held for Dorothy on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. George Catholic Church, 5272 E 5000N Road, Bourbonnais, IL with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 am, with Deacon Joe Cotugno officiating. A buffet lunch will follow at Riverside Westwood Oaks Independent Living, 100 Westwood Oaks Court, Kankakee.

Inurnment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will occur at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dorothy's name can be made to The Longest Day Alzheimer fundraiser for Riverside Senior Life Communities. Contact Riverside Senior Life at 1-815-935-3332 for more information.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

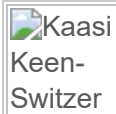
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Tribute Wall

Kaasi
Keen-
Switzer

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dorothy in painting class at Kankakee Community College a decade ago, and I won't ever forget her. Her ability to connect with everyone in class and offer genuine kindness and support to us in our education was irreplaceable. Her love for education and art inspires me even to this day. I tell my children I want to be a lifelong student as she was, and experience life to the fullest! Dorothy will forever remain in my memory as one of the most beautiful and vibrant women I have ever known.

Kaasi Keen-Switzer - June 09, 2018 at 04:15 PM

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“ Dorothy came to the Outpt Center at Riverside and was ALWAYS a joy to talk to! She and I shared stories of going to AZ and where to go and places to see. One day she forgot her sunglasses at the Outpt Center and I took them to her. She was so grateful! I loved seeing/talking to her! Such a wonderful Lady!!!

Sheri Schneider - June 08, 2018 at 09:52 AM

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“ Dorothy was a wonderful lady and talented artist - she will be greatly missed

Janet Glazar - June 07, 2018 at 04:35 PM

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“ Dorothy was one of the first residents who showed up in my senior fit class in the pool at Westwood Oaks 3 years ago she never missed a class and she love the water she and I talked a lot about old movies and good books and when she moved to the memory care facility she still found a way back to my class at least once a week it was always an honor and a joy to have her in my class and I will truly miss her she was a very special lady you have my condolences Nancy Zoller Pansa

Nancy Zoller Pansa - June 06, 2018 at 06:14 PM