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Dorothy Duplessie Obituary

Dorothy Ann Duplessie (nee Hajkowicz), 95, of Elyria, died October 21, 2023. She was born February 1, 1928 in Iron River, Michigan, was a 1945 graduate of Iron River High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1949 from Eastern Michigan University. Dorothy met Tom in 1952 in Wyandotte when she was a Lab Technician and was introduced by his sister. They corresponded while he was in the Navy and were married November 27, 1954. In 1964, she and her husband and son moved to Elyria and she received her Master of Education degree in 1970 and an Education Specialist degree in 1981 from Kent State University. From 1965 until retiring in 1986, Dorothy was employed as an elementary school teacher at Spring Valley and Erie Schools in Elyria. She was a member of St. Mary Church and The Garden Club of Elyria. For many years, she knitted hats, scarves and mittens for newborns and children at Elyria Memorial Hospital as she was a member of the Knit Wits. From 1986 to 2015, she and her husband spent the winters in Sarasota, FL. They had also traveled to Europe, Canada, Mexico and Hawaii. In addition to traveling, she enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening and knitting.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 68 years, Thomas A. Duplessie, Sr.; son, Thomas A. (Donna) Duplessie, Jr.; grandsons, Matthew, Trey (Cheryl) and Brenton Duplessie and great-grandchildren, Tyson, Charlotte and Cora Duplessie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Mary Hajkowicz; brother, Ellsworth Joseph Hajkowicz and a sister, Ruth Kempa.

A special thank you to her husband, Tom Sr., son, Tom Jr., grandson, Brenton and the staff of Promedica/Heartland Hospice for their loving and compassionate care of Dorothy.



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Friends will be received Saturday, October, 28, 2023 from 10:00 am to 11:45 am at Dicken Funeral Home, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria. A funeral mass will follow at 12:00 pm at St. Mary Church, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria. Reverend Charles T. Diedrick will be the celebrant. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Elyria.

Memorial contributions may be made to Promedica/Heartland Hospice, 4807 Rockside Rd. Suite 110, Independence, OH 44131, St. Mary Church or Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601

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AD

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Dorothy Ann Duplessie posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Dorothy Ann Duplessie We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:58 AM

TB

Tina Thomas (Vannatter) Brletich posted:

She was my 3rd grade teacher at Erie school in the 70's. Her and Ms. Shado were my favorite elementary teachers. She was so elegant and classic in her approach to teaching. The girls would like up and stretch each other's back or play with each other's hair and she tolerated us while reading books to us. This was my favorite memory of a wonderful teacher! I thought of her often over the years. My deepest sympathy to her blessed family.

October 30 at 6:11 PM

LS

Larry And Meg Stevanus posted:

For 38 years we had the very best backyard neighbors anyone could ask for. We knew when Tom and Dorothy returned from Florida Dorothy had worked her magic on her beautiful garden every year. The many conversations at the fence over the years were always warm, fun and caring as she was always asking about our 3 kids and sharing stories about Tom, Donna and their grandchildren. We may have moved from the area but not from those memories..

October 27 at 7:59 AM

CC

Christine Buchheit Chesover posted:

Mrs. Duplessie was my teacher at Erie Elementary for 3rd & 4th grades. This was in 1971-1973. I still remember her reading Charlie & the Chocolate Factory to us and she was very animated in her story telling. When I read this story to my children, I tried to give the story the same effect. God Bless her and her family.

October 26 at 10:34 AM

TK

Tania Kegyes posted:

Dear Tom, Donna and family, I am sending condolences, hugs, and prayers for the loss of your mom. May each day bring comfort as you cherish her memories!!

October 26 at 8:22 AM



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KC

Keith Cook posted:

Mrs. Duplessie was one of my favorite teachers. In the later part of the 1960's she was my second grade teacher at Spring Valley. I can still remember her attention, her love and her caring. I will never forget her.

October 25 at 7:38 AM

MT

Marilyn Torres posted:

Trey, sympathy in the loss of your grandma. Mrs. Torres, former E. Heights teacher

October 25 at 4:46 AM

MD

Matthew Duplessie posted:

This wonderful woman was my grandmother whom we affectionately called Gram. She was the great match to my grandfather Thomas (Pip) and together they demonstrated so many family values that have impacted me for my lifetime. The gifts of kindness, presence, love, generosity, laughter, and the blessings that come from spending time with family. Gram was a natural teacher and caretaker. She inspired and nurtured my creative talents to become a musician, artist and teacher as well during my life. She was forever caring, deeply interested and offered a wealth of thoughtful encouragement to help foster my unique sense of being. A young man couldn't have been blessed with a better grandmother, and I'm grateful for her love and presence in my life. She will forever be remembered in my memories as a teacher of the virtues of family, and I hope to one day create the inviting home environment that she and my grandfather opened within their hearts to me. We love you and miss you, thank you for all of your love and caring, you are a wonderful woman, wife, mother and grandmother. Sending you love from afar, Your grandson Matthew Duplessie

October 25 at 4:23 AM

JM

Judy And Lloyd Miller posted:

Dorothy was such a kind soul! I treasure many happy times spent knitting with her! We will miss her, but thankful that she is whole again! Prayers for Tom and the family in the coming days!

October 24 at 2:32 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dorothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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