



Dorothy A. Lyon

October 3, 1921 - April 12, 2024

NIAGARA, WI - Dorothy Boyd Lyon (nee Dorothy Agnes Pritchard) was born October 3, 1921 in Staceyville, Iowa. The oldest of 5 girls, she grew up on a small farm in Hillsboro, Iowa, and after graduation was trained as a beautician.

When war came to the world, Dorothy enlisted in the US Navy where, while stationed in Boston, MA she reconnected with fellow Hillsboroan Paul Judson Boyd, who had enlisted in the Marines. Following a whirlwind courtship, they married just before Paul was deployed to Guadalcanal.

After the war, the young couple settled in Macomb, IL where they started their family together. During their early married life, Dorothy worked odd jobs while putting herself through college to earn a teaching degree and taking care of their growing family. They raised four children: Nancy, Daniel, Mary, and Kathy. In 1958 both she and Paul began their long careers as teachers, taking positions in Marcus, IA. Dorothy taught second grade, while Paul taught high school science.

Eventually the family moved to Muscatine, IA, where Dorothy continued to teach until her retirement in the late 1980's. Soon after they moved to Muscatine, Dorothy and Paul divorced. Life as a single woman wasn't easy for Dorothy because family was always the most important thing in her life. But at

the persistent urging of friends and colleagues, she agreed reluctantly to attend a few social events and met Roger Lyon, who was destined to become her second husband after his patient and sincere courtship.

Dorothy often spoke about Roger as “the love of her life”; their marriage was stable and happy. They lived in Silvis, IL until Roger’s untimely death ten years later. Dorothy remained in Silvis until, after a series of mini-strokes, she was unable to continue living alone. In 2015 she found new family and friends at the warm and caring Maryhill Manor in Niagara, WI, where she spent her final years visited by family members from near and far. She passed away peacefully April 12, 2024 at the age of 102.

Dorothy is survived by her remaining sister, Jane Phillips of Spokane, WA; her three daughters Nancy Boyd, Mary Boyd Langlais, and Kathy Boyd Hanover Whitney; her step-daughter Judy Kesselman; 11 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. Private services will be held at a later date.

The family requests that contributions in Dorothy’s name be sent to honor the wonderful staff at Maryhill Manor whose loving care ensured that her final years were filled with happiness, quality care, and peace.

Contributions to her memorial fund can be sent (by check or money order) payable to: Maryhill Manor Staff Fund. Please write “Dorothy Lyon Memorial” on the memo line of the check or money order, so the staff will know it’s for her memorial.

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“ There are no appropriate words to describe what Ms. Dorothy meant to me. She was a loving, kind and faithful friend and neighbor. She was there to welcome my baby boy and we spent many nights keeping each other company while being sure she was doing ok. She and Gracen shared so many special moments playing "Hide & Seek" with objects at the kitchen table, playing Skipbo and even coloring together. She always made sure to remind me to "make a list" when life seemed to overwhelm me. And she was a great listener when I just needed to let it out. She was definitely a part of our family as she and my mom, spent a few holidays together when the rest of us couldn't be there. And her family grew to be mine, as well.

She and I were able to take a flight to say a final goodbye to her only son. I remember how much she feared flying but we blew up balloons and chewed giant pieces of bubble gum the whole time and that seemed to keep her mind off of it.

It broke my heart when she could no longer live next door on her own. But I was thrilled to visit her once in MI. I wish I could have said goodbye one last time. However, I know where she is and I know we will meet again some day.

To all of her family, please know, you are in my thoughts and prayers and will always be family to me.

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