



Dorene Jeanette Jerzak

October 7, 1934 - November 15, 2014

Dorene Jeanette "Madden" Jerzak, the daughter of Abraham and Lola (Weidauer) Madden was born on October 7, 1934, in Lynd, Minnesota. She was united in marriage to Gerald Jerzak during a blizzard on January 22, 1953 at Immaculate Conception Church in Minneapolis at 11:00 a.m. in the rectory. After several moves the couple settled in Morris where they raised their five children: Daniel Paul, Lynn Marie, Philip Lee, Jeffry Jon, Kari Beth, "Sis" Helen (Niece) who is considered a part of the family, as she lived with them at one time.

Dorene worked for the Police Department Dispatch and Dr. Krassas Chiropractic while living in Morris. The couple retired in 1990 to Alexandria where they lived on Lake Jessie and she worked at Fleet Farm. She also volunteered at the hospital in the gift shop.

She also enjoyed crocheting and canning and entered items into the Stevens County Fair and won several ribbons. Dorene was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She loved to bowl, Play Bridge make caramels, enjoyed watching "True Crime" Stories and was an avid book reader.

Family and friends will remember her for always having a joke and a wonderful smile and laugh. Dorene died on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at the Douglas County Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Jerry of Alexandria; children: Daniel (James Renner) of Brooklyn Center, Lynn (Mark) Woolridge of Morris, Philip (Sandy Gonzales) of Algona, WA, Jeffry of Coon Rapids, Kari (Troy) Bott of Salem, VA, "sis", Helen Miller of Alexandria; eight

grandchildren: Luke, Rachel, Amy Jo, Ellary, Jared, Andy, Abel, Mason.
She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters: Ardyth & Helen.
Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, November 22, 2014, 11:00
a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. Burial was at St. Mary's
Cemetery. Arrangements with Anderson Funeral Home. www.andersonfuneral.net

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

723 West Winona Dr.
Alexandria, MN 56308

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
421 Hawthorne St
Alexandria, MN

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Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorene Jeanette Jerzak



Anderson Funeral Home - December 01, 2014 at 03:31 PM



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Anderson Funeral Home - November 18, 2014 at 10:33 AM

SW

Prayers to the Jerzak family at this difficult time. God Bless. Great video what wonderful memories

Sue Wente - November 20, 2014 at 05:26 PM

JD

“ *Joan D. purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Dorene Jeanette Jerzak.*



Joan D. - November 21, 2014 at 09:55 AM

SW

“ *The tribute video was fun to watch. May we all remember her warm smile and love of laughter. I'm sure you'll all carry that tradition on from both Jerry & Dorene. I work Saturday so I can't be there, but you've been in my thoughts & prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort!*

Sheila Windingstad - November 20, 2014 at 02:06 PM

LK

“ *Laurie, Pam and Kathy purchased the Holiday Homecoming Basket for the family of Dorene Jeanette Jerzak.*



Laurie, Pam and Kathy - November 20, 2014 at 08:15 AM

KF

“ My deepest sympathy to Dorene's family. Her presence will be greatly missed. She was a unique person with a witty and keen sense of humor. Our 43 year friendship started on our first trip to the state bowling tournament. When my ride came to get me I was a little late. I got in the back seat next to Dorene and said " Sorry to keep you waiting but I was preparing food to leave for Bernie and kids." Dorene looked at me and said, " I didn't even buy groceries!" I know my face registered shock as this was the 1970's. We looked at each other and burst into laughter. Dorene loved the shock factor. If she could catch someone off guard she loved it. So it began our 43 year friendship. We shared our lives and called it the (Good, Bad, and the Crazy). Eventually our husbands and kids joined our friendship. There are so many stories and so many memories we shared. But the greatest gift of all was the years of laughter. As the years went by and Dorene and Jerry's health failed, Dorene would say many times to me, "I don't know what we would do with out Lynn, Mark and Luke's help. Her gratitude couldn't be put in words. So for her, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the love, support and continuous care you have provided for Dorene and Jerry.

My saddest moment came when I realized the person who gave me so much laughter and great memories would now herself become a memory. So with a grieving heart I say goodbye to my unique friend. I will miss you so much! Your good friend and partner in mischief!

Love You! Karen

Karen Folkens - November 19, 2014 at 07:01 PM

JE

This is what I know Karen, if mom had to be replaced with another mom Dorene would have put you first in line, I know she cherished your friendship and loved you with all your heart. You have been a pillar in all of our memories of Mom, I hope Mark, Mike and misty don't mind but I have adopted you as my stand in mother. Your kind words are unforgettable.....Thanks Jeff cant wait to hug you in person.

Jeffry - November 20, 2014 at 08:27 AM

HM

Dorene will miss you so much, just found the memorial site, i wish i had known ahead of time, you are very loved and missed, love you and the rest of the family H Mary Madden, Dougs wife, Huber Heights ohio

h mary madden - March 23, 2015 at 09:11 PM

VA

“ So sorry to hear of Doreen's passing. She will be missed. God bless your family in this sad time. Prayers & sympathy are coming your way. Hugs to all of you.

Vonnie Anderson - November 18, 2014 at 10:55 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dorene Jeanette Jerzak.



November 18, 2014 at 09:09 AM

DM

“ Deb & Mark McNally purchased the Angel -Thinking of you for the family of Dorene Jeanette Jerzak.



Deb & Mark McNally - November 17, 2014 at 09:55 PM

JT

“ I worked with Dorene, years ago, at Mills Fleet Farm. She as loved by many for her quick wit and loving personality. If you were her friend you were a friend for life. I got to renew our friendship when she moved into Bet el Manor, just down the hall from me. I was saddened to hear that Jerry was in Memory Care and that's why they were here. Forehead was always cheerful and always greeted you with a smile. Every single time she saw me, she would scratch my back for about five to ten seconds. Never failed no matter how many times a day. I didn't realize at the time how very uncomfortable that was for her to do. She never showed pain but now I know different. She knew about my cancer history and was always concerned about how I felt. Every time Softened scratched my back, for some reason my pain lessened a little and I got a little more energy. She had that special touch that could just lift you up. She is now in Heaven with our HEAVENLY FATHER and no longer suffers the pains of her body. May you know what an exemplary person, she was. Her quick wit always brought a smile to my face. The memory of seeing her and her beloved Jerry walking down the hall will always be with me. Again my very deepest sympathies in your loss.

Joan Tobolt - November 17, 2014 at 12:40 PM

SI

So sorry to hear of your loss. In my prayers.
Sally Scribner Iverson

Sally Iverson - November 18, 2014 at 02:20 PM

JJ

Thank you Joan those are some of the kindest words, it is obvious you knew my mother well, thanks she is missed. Jeff

Jeff jerzak - November 19, 2014 at 01:09 PM