



Dorothy J Christy

July 05, 1932 - July 13, 2018

Dorothy was born on July 5, 1932 on a farm near Roland, Iowa, to Magnus and Ella Hall Olson. She met her future husband of 56 years, Jim Christy, while working as a secretary in the administrative offices of Iowa State University Extension. She and Jim were married in 1955 and made their home in Nevada, Iowa, where they raised their two children, Julie and Jon.

Dorothy was a homemaker and used her skills to nurture and develop a strong faith and love of learning in her children. Together Jim and Dorothy were very active supporters of all aspects of the Memorial Lutheran Church faith community, the Nevada Community School System, Story County 4-H, and Iowa State University.

Upon retirement, Dorothy and Jim moved to Timberland Village, part of the Bethany Life Retirement Community in Story City, Iowa. One special retirement highlight for Jim and Dorothy was a trip to Norway, with their adult children and their spouses, to reconnect with relatives and visit the home where her grandfather was born. Dorothy never tired of hearing from friends and family. She held close to her heart the Milford Township/Roland communities where she was raised.

Dorothy passed away on July 13, 2018, in Sansgard House, Homes of Bethany, Story City, Iowa.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Julie (Jerry) Bisher, Christian, Cody, Casey, Corey and families, her son, Jon (Janeen) Christy, and her brother, James (Irene) Olson, and sister-in-laws, Leta Mae Christy, and Naomi McClurg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Jim Christy, her brother, Loren Olson, and her brother-in-laws, Richard Christy, and George McClurg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given to Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada, Iowa, and Bethany Life Communities, Story City, Iowa

Cemetery



ROLAND CEMETERY

59168 130th St., Roland,
IA 50236

Events



VISITATION

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Bethany Manor Chapel
212 Lafayette Avenue,
Story City, Iowa 50248



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

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Tribute Wall

L

Larry Elphic

Dear Julie and Jon, I want to share my most sincere condolences for the passing of your mother Dorothy. Dorothy and Jim were both an inspiration to me personally and professionally. Dorothy's love for the life she shared with Jim was a great example for all they knew. I will continue to think of both your parents often. Larry Elphic

G

Gerald Klonglan

Gerald Klonglan To the family of Dorothy Olson Christy. I graduated from Fernald High School in May of 1954 and enrolled as a freshman in the College of Agriculture at Iowa State in September of that year. I was very active in 4-H from 1949-1955, so got to know Jim very well. And when I enrolled at ISU in Fall 1954 I of course stopped by the ISU Extension Office to keep up to date on 4-H programming. And met this charming young staff member who Jim "had an interest in"! And then they got married! And moved to my home town Nevada. I graduated from Iowa State with my BS in Rural Sociology in 1958. In 1960 my wife, Eileen, and I got married in Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada. In 1963 I completed my PhD in Rural Sociology at Iowa State and joined the ISU Department of Sociology and Economics as a brand new Assistant Professor. My appointment was primarily research and extension so I had the opportunity to interact with Dorothy and Jim frequently throughout our careers. Dorothy was always so enthusiastic in all the many public occasions she participated. And after retirement our families continued our relationships - My mother, Welline, was one of the first residence of Timberland Village in Story City. And we were thrilled when Dorothy and Jim retired at Timberland Village as well. The many memories through a lifetime will continue forever!

J

Jurine Borton Moore

To the friends and family, brother, James and children, Julie and Jon and your families, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of our Milford Twp friend, your sister, mother and grandmother. My prayers and love are with you, especially at this difficult time of closure. May a candle always remind you of the many wonderful fond memories and blessings you have of both Jim and Dorothy. They were certainly great mentors to many of us young people growing up with Story County 4-H and the Memorial Lutheran Church. They are now reunited and share the comfort of eternity. Having had the honor of celebrating their wedding, I had intended to be with you today to help celebrate the passing of both Jim and Dorothy Christy, but sorry that did not work out. I am forever grateful for both Jim and Dorothy. Respectfully I live with faith, and will be 4 4-H 4 EVER, Jurine Borton Moore, Co-Author of Milford Twp And Proud of IT! with Dale Hughes

**"Candle of Peace"**

was lit in memory of Dorothy J Christy

 [Light a candle](#)

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

R

Ronald Myers

Dorothy and Jim were both generous and kind to me as I grew up in Nevada. I have many wonderful memories through Memorial Lutheran and 4-H. Dorothy was an enthusiastic support as I went through seminary and entered ministry. I know that her passion for youth has made an impact on generations of people in Story County. May her deep faith be a source of peace and comfort as you remember a truly woman.

M

Marilyn Boswell

Julie and Jon--We are sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Being one of the women in Dorothy's bridge club I have many fond memories of the fun evenings we had together. She was a key member of that group and we all enjoyed being in her home in Nevada. God's blessings to you and your families. Marilyn and Eldon Boswell



Tribute Store

Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.



"Beautiful in Blue"
was purchased for the family of Dorothy J Christy

 [Tribute Store](#)

Show your support with flowers

K

Kristi Kadlecek

Julie and Jon, I am sorry for the passing of your Mom. I have memories of her warm encouragement. It must have been a sweet reunion for your folks:) Praying your time together remember is sweet, Kristi Ostrich Kadlecek

P

Penny Clemons Bever

I am very sorry for your loss. Dorothy was definitely one of the kindest and most soft spoken individuals I know. She saw the good in everyone, not a harsh bone in her body.

P

Peggy Bruns

Dorothy and Jim were wonderful neighbors and fellow church members. We have lots of fond memories of both. Steve and Peggy Bruns
