



Dorothy A. Shipley

December 28, 1931 - June 3, 2024

Dorothy A. Shipley, age 92, of Salem, IN passed peacefully on June 3, 2024, with her daughters at her side.

Dorothy was born on December 28, 1931, in White Pigeon, MI to Henry and Ruth Lough and, until 2023, had lived in Northern Indiana all her life (Gary, Hebron, Merrillville, Portage, Hobart).

She was preceded in death by her son Britt L. Shipley and brother, Jerry Lough.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters: Wendy Shipley Swisher (Salem, IN) and Lynn Shipley (Lynn, MA); daughter-in-law, Linda (Jasiak) Shipley; sister-in-law, Carole (Miller) Lough; grandchildren: Melissa Corona, Jennifer Richey, Stephanie (Peter) Anderson, Lesley (Derrick) Schmaltz, Ashley Shipley, Allyson Shipley; great-grandchildren: Mercedes, Zachary, Logan, Jacob, Grant, Claire, Beckett, Ella; great great-grandchildren: Nevaeh, Leighton, and Bryce; nephew, Jim Lough; niece, Jodi (Lough) Heckman; many cousins, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

She was the beloved matriarch of the Shipleys; a woman of quiet wisdom who adored her five generations of family. She gave great advice but rarely offered it unsolicited. She was a lifelong active member of Christ Presbyterian Church

in Crown Point (previously 43rd Avenue Presbyterian Church in Gary, IN).

Dorothy Lough graduated from Lew Wallace High School in Gary, IN; was married to (and later divorced from) Albert Shipley. She was fond of her Shipley relatives, Peter, Ann, Dawn, and Keith.

She was a career bank professional, employed by Gary National Bank, later Gainer Bank. She was a single, working mother when that role was uncommon, fiercely devoted to her children's education and well-being.

Dorothy loved to read, and she read widely. She particularly loved reading cookbooks, even those from which she never prepared a single recipe. She rarely missed an episode of Jeopardy, and, like her mother and her Aunt Vera Weaver, was a competitive and sometimes ruthless Canasta player, still routinely beating any and all opponents in her 90s. She loved to eat and was a great cook. Seafood was high on her list of favorite meals; she could polish off more shrimp than one would imagine given her diminutive frame. On trips to New England, no lobster roll or bacon-wrapped scallop was safe. Fried lake perch sandwiches from Lincoln Carryouts were in regular rotation. She also loved a good corndog with mustard, and indulged in one each and every time she visited a fair or festival. Always open to new experiences, she tried (and loved) sushi for the first time at age 92.

One of Dorothy's most admirable traits was her ability to relax. After she retired, she could easily while away an entire day on a leisurely, aimless road trip or a long walk on a beach. Though a pro at relaxing, this did not mean her mind was idle – she was constantly curious about what breed of horses those were or what that late spring field crop with the brilliant yellow flowers was or what caused whales to beach themselves on the incoming tide.

Amongst many friends she made throughout her long life, Dorothy leaves

behind her friends at Linden House in Hobart, IN, where she lived for many years.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2024, from 2 pm – 5 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church, 7416 E. 109th Avenue, Crown Point, IN. Funeral Service will take place on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 10 am at Christ Presbyterian Church. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. In lieu of flowers, Dorothy would be grateful for your support of Christ Presbyterian Church. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (cst)

Christ Presbyterian Church
7416 E 109th Ave
Winfield, IN 46307
(219) 663-0129

Funeral Service

JUN 10. 10:00 AM (cst)

Christ Presbyterian Church
Winfield , IN

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love you, Uncle Pete, Dawn, and families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dorothy A. Shipley.



Love you, Uncle Pete, Dawn, and families - June 06, 2024 at 06:38 PM

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“ Love you, Uncle Pete, Dawn, and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy A. Shipley.

Love you, Uncle Pete, Dawn, and families - June 06, 2024 at 06:38 PM

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“ Wendy, you and your family are in my prayers. No matter the age or reason it still hurts. Just know you have two guardian angels watching over you. Hugs and prayers.

sue habig - June 06, 2024 at 06:22 AM

LK

“ Dorothy and I worked together at Gainer Bank. She was a wonderful coworker. She also was neighbor and friend of my moms when they lived at Linden House in Hobart My sympathy and my Moms (Irma Sheets) go with the family. RIP Dorothy 🌸🌺

Lynn Kostbade - June 05, 2024 at 02:19 PM

RL

“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. Dorothy was a great friend to me when I lived in Indiana in my teenage years, always wise and fair-minded and a great, great mom. I feel privileged to have known her.

Richard Lamphear - June 05, 2024 at 11:13 AM

SW

“ Dorothy and I worked together for many years at 504 Bdwy she was a great co-worker who adored her 3 children. This world was a better place with her in it. RIP Dorothy

Suzy Wright - June 04, 2024 at 07:56 PM