



Doris Jane Forsythe

June 29, 1947 - March 5, 2019

Doris Jane Allen Forsythe went to be with her Lord and savior March 5, 2019 with her husband by her side at their residence in Fife Lake. She was born on June 29, 1947, to Paul Shafer Allen and Mildred Cooper Allen of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. As a child she grew up close to her cousins, Bob and MaryAnn (Pugh) Allen, and was active in the First United Methodist Church. She graduated from Pottsville High School in 1965, where she learned to play the bagpipes and enjoyed Friday night football games. She loved her hometown and its people, mountain laurel in the springtime, and the giant statue of Henry Clay on the mountainside. She attended York Junior College in 1965 and graduated in 1967 with her best friend from high school, Melinda Mootz, and later graduated from the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science in Milwaukee.

On January 11, 1969, she married Douglas A. Covell, and they moved to Michigan, where they would establish their funeral home business in Traverse City. In 1973, they had a daughter, Nikole P. Covell (Channels). Doug and Doris divorced in 1975. Doris attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1980 with a degree in Social Work. She worked for fifteen years at Osteopathic Hospital in Traverse City, quickly becoming the director of medical social work and assisting patients and their families in patient services, care placement, and grief counseling. She also served at Williamsburg Recovery Center where she counseled those overcoming addictions. Doris later served as a disability examiner for the State of

Michigan. She also worked part time in her retirement for the Kalkaska Funeral Home.

On August 21, 1999, Doris married Jeffry Forsythe, who shared with her his love of Percheron draft horses. They established Willowcrest Farm and Carriage Service, and were active for years in the Michigan Draft Horse Association.

Those who knew Doris knew she was a loyal friend, strong in her faith and love for Jesus her Savior. Her family and her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and she continually showed kindness and compassion for people and animals. She stood up for truth, and unapologetically lifted up a high standard for living what she believed. She wanted others to find their identity in God's love, and live their best lives. She touched many lives with her grace and listening heart, and she will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life will be held for Doris at the Kalkaska Funeral Home On Saturday April 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Bible Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **9**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Jane Forsythe.*



April 18, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ *Such a sweet lady truly a kind spirit! She will be missed by all. Thinking of you in this time of loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

John and Jennifer

jennifer youker - April 18, 2019 at 08:05 AM



“ *I worked with Doris at Osteopathic hospital. Sorry to hear of her passing. Thoughts and prayers for her family. Laurene Snyder from Sutton's Bay,mi*

laurene snyder - March 09, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ *Doris was a symbol of faith in action. She was a true warrior for the Lord and gave a valiant battle right up until her earthly death. Jeff's devotion to her was an inspiration for all as he cared for her every need. She has a smile on her face today as she will start forever living the promise. We will miss her. Barb and Denny*

Barb Meyer - March 07, 2019 at 07:02 PM



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Nikole Channels - March 07, 2019 at 11:27 AM