



## Doris Elaine Tuffts

March 3, 1935 - June 6, 2017

Doris Elaine Tuffts was born on March, 2nd, 1935 to Delbert and Arlie Root. Doris was the eldest sister to Brenda Lee and Judy Mae. Doris was born in a family home on Dresden St. in Kalkaska. She grew up on a small farm on the South end of Walnut St. And later after she was married, she resided her last 55 years on Cherry St. Doris graduated from Kalkaska High School in 1953 and was married to her sweetheart James (Jim) Colburn Tuffts on May 15, 1954, and recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. Doris grew up helping on the family farm, and working with her dad on the milk truck. She worked for Michigan Bell out of high school as a long distance operator in Ann Arbor. Instead of going to Germany to visit Jim, Doris saved for the down payment on their first home while he served abroad during WWII. Doris also worked for the selective service in Kalkaska County in the 1970's. Doris welcomed their first child Victoria Lynn on May 21, 1957, then their second daughter Susan Kay on June 13th, 1959. Exactly four years later, Doris brought Joseph Lee into the world on June 13th 1963. Doris was a homemaker while raising her young children from 1957-1970. She then went to work for the I.R.S. and retired 26 years later. Doris loved nothing more than to be with her family. She was always there for her family's sporting events, dance recitals, band concerts, you name it. She was an active member of the People's Church where she sang in the choir with her sister Judy. Doris loved her hobbies as well, including ceramics, painting glass, gardening and in the last 3 years learning "Bob Ross" techniques in canvas painting. Doris was a

very active member of the Kalkaska community, often serving in the church as a Sunday school teacher and providing meals for funeral dinners. She was a Girl Scout leader for her daughters, 4-H leader in ceramics to her granddaughters, and an active member for many years in Academia Club and the Red Hats. Doris always had time for her family and friends, no matter what she was doing she would stop and pull out a chair and visit. She will be remembered for her wonderful hugs, for her amazing apple pie, her passion for Nascar and her love for the arts. Doris had a passion for her savior Jesus Christ and wanted nothing more than her family to know His love. She is preceded in death by her parents, both sisters, Brenda Lee, Judy and Russ Titus (brother in law), as well as her granddaughter Korena England. Doris is survived by her husband Jim Tuffts, her children Vickie (Mark) Harden, Sue (Tim) Dorman, and Joseph (Elane) Tuffts. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jennifer (Bill) Algier, Thomas (Oana) Miller, Timberlie (Trent) Yanz, Hollie (Scott) Bittenbender, Brenda (Chris) Henriet, Jimmy Tuffts, Monique (James) Bonomo, Lynie Mateo, Irene (Brent) Rogers, and Christopher Fast. She also had 18 great grandchildren who loved her very much. Doris had many friends, too many to mention, but loved them extraordinarily. She was welcomed home to heaven on Tuesday, June 6th, 2017 at 82 years of age. Visitation will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will be on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 12:00pm, with a final visitation beginning at 11:00am at the Kalkaska Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Final Visitation

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ  
1725 W Kalkaska Rd NW  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
<http://www.kccwired.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kalkaska Funeral Home - June 09, 2017 at 07:15 AM

BW

“ So sorry to hear of Doris passing. We were never "buddies" so to speak, but always friends. We started Kindergarten together and graduated together, along with Jimmy, in 1953. She was a sweet and special person, always with that beautiful smile. Remember well her family, and her Daddy, our milkman. Love and prayers to her family for God's peace, comfort and strength!  
*Beverly Belcher Wells & Bob Wells*

beverly wells - June 08, 2017 at 11:01 PM

CH

“ Cindy Hedger lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Tuffts



Cindy Hedger - June 08, 2017 at 11:19 AM

CI

“ Sue and Family,

*So sorry for your loss! So much to handle for you in the last couple of months. May God be with you at this time.*

*Dan and Cindy Ingalls*

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**Cynthia Ingalls** - June 08, 2017 at 09:13 AM

SV

“ *The love between Doris and Jimmy was evident to everyone that saw them together! I loved to watch them dance together, she was an extra special person to her family, her friends, her co workers, her church and her community----Doris will be missed to all that had the privilege to know her.*

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**Sue Vowels** - June 08, 2017 at 08:43 AM



“ *Doris your beautiful smile and pure soul will be missed greatly...it was a pleasure to know you...❤️*

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**Cindy Halligan** - June 08, 2017 at 06:33 AM

TW

“ *The Harden Family and Darline Willis purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Doris Elaine Tuffts.*



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**The Harden Family and Darline Willis** - June 07, 2017 at 08:51 PM

MS

“ When I think of Doris, it brings a smile to my face as I remember so many fun times with her during our Academia meetings playing Bunko. As a kid playing at their house. You will be greatly missed but your family and friends know you are in heaven and at peace. Until I see you again let your wings fly high!

Mary k. Slick - June 07, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Tuffts.



June 07, 2017 at 08:01 PM

DW

“ Oh Doris, you and Jim have raised a family of love-givers. I feel privileged to have known you and been a small part of your life for even a short period of time. Jesus has gained a friend with him in heaven dear, sweet Doris. We will miss you around Cherry Street ♡



Danielle White - June 07, 2017 at 07:32 PM

MC

“ Michael Colborn lit a candle in memory of Doris Elaine Tuffts



Michael Colborn - June 07, 2017 at 06:27 PM

SS

“ I loved playing Bunco with Doris. As I shared on Hollie's time line, once when we were partners and not doing very well, she said, "We need to get hot! Really hot!!" Then she laughed. I nearly cracked up. We had such fun. I am so glad Sharon Coppock arranged for us all to play Bunco with her and Ursula.

*Please know that Dave and I are praying for all of you. Love and Hugs, Sharon Stockford*

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**Sharon Stockford** - June 07, 2017 at 05:50 PM