



## Dorothea "Dot" Dennis

October 27, 1933 - February 7, 2025

Dorothea Dennis, was born on October 27, 1933 in Flint, Michigan to Rev. Dr. Harold and Doris (Pickup) Watson. She passed away on February 7, 2025, and Our Queen of Hearts is now resting with the King of Hearts in Heaven, Jesus.

Dot, attended Grand Ledge High School, dedicated her life to her family and her work in the beauty salon she owned and operated in Wacousta. She also worked at Decker & Co. and then the State of Michigan before she and her husband Donald of 51 years retired and moved to their second home on Crystal Lake. They also enjoyed 13 years of wintering in Florida meeting many new and treasured friends. She was known for her warm spirit and kind heart, spending countless hours playing cards with the Thirty-Niners and enjoyed playing bingo at McDonald's with her friends.

Loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Dorothea leaves behind her sons Michael H. (Sandy) Dennis, Donald K. Dennis Jr. and daughter Pamela (Steve Smith) Brown, and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren including Christian (Amy) Dennis, Chad (Annie) Dennis, Donald (Jamie) Dennis III, Nicholas Brown, Andrea "Nikki" Foust, Jacob Dennis, Michael J. Dennis, Madison Dennis, Gunnar Dennis, Dakota Dennis, Abby Dennis, David Dennis, and Jack Willis along with great great-granddaughter, Lyla Dennis and her kitty, Roxi. Dorothea was preceded in death by her

parents, her husband, Donald K. Dennis Sr., and her siblings, Corporal Harold Watson Jr., and Kathleen (Jack) Powers.

Her family will gather to celebrate her life on Saturday, February 15, 2025. There will be a visitation at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge beginning at 10:00 am, and the funeral service at 12:00 pm. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com), click on Dot's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Following the service, Dot will be laid to rest Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge in a private family service.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that memorial donations be made to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 ([https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc\\_icid=header-btn-donate-now](https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now)), two causes dear to Dorothea's heart.

She will forever be missed, but we take comfort knowing she is rejoicing in Heaven. Share your memories and condolences at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Dorothea "Dot" Dennis*



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**Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home** - February 14, 2025 at 07:49 PM

MB

“ *Have traveled and played euchre with Dot for many years. She was instrumental in the success of the 39'ers and was proud of the knowledge she shared with others. She was a true lady with a wonderful smile and we remember fondly that when needed, she got your attention immediately with a certain look and word. Dot, you will be missed by all. Now you are without pain and sitting at a table of heavenly friends playing cards. With fond memories, Max. (Maxine) Burkhardt*

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**Maxine Burkhardt** - February 15, 2025 at 10:45 AM

PK

“ *We have known Dot for many years as one of our Mother's (Wanda Wolverton) best friends and card playing buddy. She was a very special person and will be missed by her family and friends. God bless. Patti Kares, Royce and Dana Wolverton.*

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**Patricia Lynn Kares** - February 12, 2025 at 07:40 PM

Laurie Staley

“ My family will always miss Dot after many years of being great friends. I know she is in Heaven with her loved ones that preceded her. Laurie Staley and family

Laurie Staley - February 11, 2025 at 02:22 PM

DS

“ Dave and Laurie Staley purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dorothea "Dot" Dennis.



Dave and Laurie Staley - February 10, 2025 at 02:07 PM

DS

“ Dave and Laurie Staley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothea "Dot" Dennis.

Dave and Laurie Staley - February 10, 2025 at 02:07 PM

JM

“ I played euchre with Dot for many years and she will be greatly missed. I am thankful for the time I had with her and the card training she gave me.  
Jorge

Jorge Maccombs - February 10, 2025 at 11:53 AM

CR

She was the best friend anybody could ever have!

Carol Rohde - February 04 at 07:01 PM