



Doris Lorraine Cwiakala

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Doris Deuling Cwiakala passed away on Sunday, February 23, 2025. Doris was born to Ben and Marie (Carrier) Deuling on March 30, 1945, in Muskegon, MI and married the love of her life, Albert Cwiakala on August 21, 1965. The two of them enjoyed 19 winters in Florida after her retirement in 2005 from RP Schools as an administrative secretary.

Doris enjoyed working in her yard and taking care of flowers both in Michigan and Florida. She kept busy in Florida volunteering in her Mobile Home Association and her church. She greatly enjoyed touring around and visiting the local sights and just being active. Walking everyday was important and kept her connected to many friends. While in Michigan she treasured time spent with her grandchildren and family. Doris and Al spent many years camping during the summer months at nearby campgrounds. A Saturday night fire and a glass of wine was always in the plans. She loved her family the Lord above all else.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Marie Deuling and her much loved daughter, Cindy Louise, in 1985. Also preceded by her in-laws, Ed and Rose Cwiakala, her brother, Jim Deuling, sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Del Sells, Darlene and Barry McFall, and brother-in-law, John Schafer and nephew Mark Johnson. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Don Kersting and her treasured grandchildren Elizabeth Kersting, Christopher Kersting and Matthew Kersting. Also survived by her sisters Grace Schafer, sister and brother-in-law Judy and Dave Johnson and bonus sister and brother-in-law Agnes and Conrad Nelson. Brother-in-law and sister-in-law Joe and Linda Cwiakala. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and the children whom she loved dearly. She was blessed to have to very dear friends, “her Karens”, Karen Knowles and Karen Meyers along with many other friends she met along the way during her years in Florida. Doris final thought is “Always be kind and remember kindness costs nothing”



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A mass of Remembrance will be held at Prince of Peace Church at a later date with visitation preceding the service and a luncheon following in the church multipurpose room after the service. Arrangements entrusted to The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442. Share memories with the family at their online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.

In lieu of flowers donate to the Muskegon Rescue Mission or Prince of Peace Capitol Improvement fund.




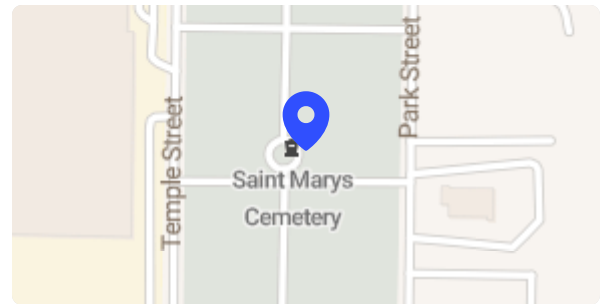
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Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Cemetery**
1915 Park St., Muskegon MI 49441





Tribute Wall

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Karen Knowles shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



This is a picture from November 8, 2024. It was our last road trip. All three of us knew it, but we didn't speak it, out loud. Doris, Karen K (me), and Karen M, jumped in my car and away we went. We didn't really have an exact destination, but we headed east to find Hardy Dam. As we traveled through Fremont, we heard a few of Doris' memories about her family and adventures that she had experienced in that area. We continued driving and got misplaced a couple of times, but chatter and laughter filled the car, and we didn't care. We found a dam, but I don't know if it was actually Hardy Dam. We took a look and we were off, again, to find a mom and pop restaurant for a quick lunch. This trip was short, but so special. It was the icing on the cake of our many adventures from the past. We were able to include Kim, on a few of those previous adventures, and that made them even more memorable and outrageously fun. Goodbye, dear friend Doris. You will be sorely missed by so many. Love you, girlfriend.

February 28 at 1:52 PM



Karen Meyers May 28 at 5:35 PM

Doris was a wonderful friend. I will always treasure time spent with her ... and with Karen (Knowles) We had many, many wonderful times together. May God bless Al and Kim and Don's family. (Doris is admired for many reasons.) Some day we'll be together again with those we love.



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Lynn Foster March 18 at 2:15 PM

Beautiful Tribute. Bless All of You!



Diane Mccourt posted:

She taught me how to pronounce her name....she walks a lot and of course she did.

February 25 at 8:52 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Doris by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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