



Dorthea May Tallman

February 28, 1937 - October 11, 2024

On October 11, 2024, our Lord and Savior called a truly wonderful soul home. Dorthea May Tallman, or Mrs. T to her many students, 87, of Charlotte, MI, passed away peacefully, joining her beloved husband, John, who predeceased her after 55 years of marriage, and her son Scott, who left this world at a young age. While her passing leaves a space in our hearts, we are filled with gratitude and joy as we remember a life well-lived, bursting with laughter, love, wisdom, and if you knew her, a stubborn attitude that knew no bounds.

Dotty is survived by her children, Jeff (Kellie) Tallman and Jayne (Duane) DeMuth; grandchildren, Adam (Marysa) Fisher, Victoria DeMuth, and Gabriella DeMuth; great-grandchildren, Melody and Maverick Fisher; as well as her beloved nieces and nephews, Rick (Lee) Epler, Erika (Forrest) James, Mike (Angie) Epler, and Debbie Epler. She is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Robert; nephews Robert and Paul; and many dogs who she also considered family.

Dorthea was born on February 28, 1937, to Virgil and Ida Epler, in Alma, Michigan, where she also attended college. Mrs. T quickly found her passion for teaching special education and never looked back. She spent nearly 50 years in the classroom, inspiring thousands of students within the Charlotte Public School System. She also spent many years teaching within the Eaton

County Correctional Facility, helping children get their life back on track. Her students will remember her caring nature, quick wit, and dedication to their educational success. After her years of teaching, she ran into students wherever she went, even meeting one who was an Elvis impersonator at a show in Branson, Missouri.

Beyond the classroom, Dorthea was known for her ability to complete a word search book faster than Amazon Prime could deliver the next one, her love of animals of all variety, and her ability to cut the grass with paper sheers. She was known best however, for her love of friends and family, whom she cherished beyond words. For this author, she'll be best remembered for her title of Grandmother, a role she was better at than anything else, and he considers himself beyond blessed for the role she played in his life.

A celebration of her life will be held on Thursday, October 17, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 16, 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. All are welcome to come as they are, with stories, memories, and willingness to complete a word search in her honor. Instead of flowers, Mrs. T's family requested that you consider donating to the Capital Area Humane Society, a cause close to her heart. The family would also like to extend a profound thank you to the care team at Hathaway Hills of Greenville, for their excellent care and support of Dotty over the last several months.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Friends and family are also welcome to share memories of Dorthea on her tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com.

Though Dorthea has moved on to her next great adventure, her vibrant spirit and unwavering kindness will continue to inspire those she leaves behind. We find peace in knowing that she's finally reunited with her husband and son for

an eternity. Rest easy Mom and Grandma and thank you for making our world a lot brighter.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

OCT **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorthea May Tallman



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 15, 2024 at 09:35 PM

AU

“ Augustine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorthea May Tallman.

Augustine - October 16, 2024 at 10:31 AM

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“ Augustine purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorthea May Tallman.



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“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 15, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Dorthea May Tallman*.



October 15, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ *From Steve & Janice Jackson* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of *Dorthea May Tallman*.



From Steve & Janice Jackson - October 15, 2024 at 10:14 AM

HM

“ Many fond memories “helping” in your yard when I was a small child. Playing with Shadow in your backyard. Grandpa (Ron Korp) would tote me over for visits over coffee. I imagine you, John, and him are visiting over coffee in heaven now. ❤️

Hannah Myers-Southerly - October 14, 2024 at 07:50 AM

AL

“ I remember her from school she was my teachers helper when I was in special education. I really liked her she was so sweet. She will be miss by me and any of the other students who had her. Sorry for the family's loss of her. My prayers are with you guys.

Andrea linn - October 13, 2024 at 04:00 PM

FS

“ From Clear Marine Risk Solutions planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorthea May Tallman.

From Clear Marine Risk Solutions - October 13, 2024 at 02:00 PM

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“ From Clear Marine Risk Solutions purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorthea May Tallman.



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“ *Words can't express how much I will miss her spunky positive attitude and not to mention, the best aunt in the world. I love you Aunt Dotty and I will always cherish the times we spent together.* ”



Michael Epler - October 12, 2024 at 08:04 PM