



Dorothy M. Shaul

March 6, 1951 - January 13, 2025

Dorothy M. Shaul, 73, of Bradley, passed away Monday, January 13, 2025, at Advocate Christ Medical Center.

She was born March 6, 1951, in Kankakee, the daughter of Bernum F. and Helen L. (Borggren) Backus. On July 7, 2007, she married Bradley B. Shaul on the river in Momence, Illinois. She was a CNA at Riverside Medical Center. She participated in various religious charity events, Awanas Youth Group, the Vermillion Valley Show Choir and plays at River Valley Christian Fellowship. She attended multiple churches throughout Kankakee County. Dorothy enjoyed playing with her dogs, bicycle rides, walks, and bible study. She liked playing games and pickleball. She also loved to sing and loved her barber shop quartet. Most of all she enjoyed time with her grandchildren and lovingly putting up with her husband, Brad.

Dorothy is survived by her beloved husband, Bradley B. Shaul of Bradley; step-son, Jeremy (Liz) Shaul of Mokena; six grandchildren, RayAnne (Ray), RyLeigh, Mason, Preston, Bennett, and Ally; sisters, Shirley O'Connor of Momence and Joan (Joe) O'Brien of Momence; sisters-in-law, Carol (James) Tiller of Steger and Fran (Richard) Perkins of Muncie, IN; nieces and nephews, Liane, Stephen, Karen, Alan, Jean, Joshua, Justin, and Ezra; great nieces and nephews, Taylor, Matthew, Rachel, Ty, Jacob, Zach, Ping, Vito, Carmine, and Salvatore; great great niece and nephews, Maverick, Myles, and Sadie Mae, as well as 14 other great greats; furbabies, Molly and Buster. She is preceded in death by her parents; in-laws, Eldon and Mabel Shaul;

brother-in-law, Denny Shaul; and nephew, Seth.

Visitation will be held Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at River Valley Christian Fellowship. A second visitation will take place, Monday, January 20, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

River Valley Christian Fellowship Church
800 North Cardinal Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene
1000 N Entrance Ave
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

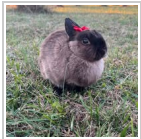
Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene
1000 N Entrance Ave
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dorothy was such a comic. We were in New Orleans for International Competition many years ago. We were on our way back to our hotel and stopped to pick up something sweet to bring back with us. It was a peanut butter pie. We all had a piece and Dorothy said that the "pie was better than sex"!! The bunch of us let out a scream and laughed ourselves silly. Good times, Dorothy. She'll be up in that great big barbershop chorus in the sky.

Marilee Williams - January 20, 2025 at 11:46 PM



“ So many good memories of just simple hellos and a kind smile. She was one of the sweetest people I knew



Jennifer LaVoie - January 19, 2025 at 12:57 PM

LO

“ Leila Owen lit a candle in memory of Dorothy M. Shaul



Leila Owen - January 18, 2025 at 07:27 PM

LO

I met Dorothy and Brad in Pastor Dale Wine's singles group at College Church. God chose Dorothy to be a jolly Cheerleader in my life. For example: in our Friday Friends Praise time I shared a time when I was having trouble walking and when the Doctors were puzzled I decided to take my shopping cart every day down the street for a walk. Each day I could walk further until I was able to walk on my own again. Dorothy with her contagious laugh said loudly "You go Girl!" We all enjoyed a good laugh on that day. I also told our group at the end of this year that I praise God I was able to give my testimony to my Sunday School Class and Dorothy said boldly "I told you you could do it!" I will not forget her gift of encouragement as she always had a way of speaking up when encouragement was needed. When a trial in life comes up I will still hear God's chosen jolly Cheerleader in my life saying "You go Girl you can do it!" Prayers to the family and friends of Dorothy Shaul. Dorothy is in Heaven today singing as she loved to do in God's choir. We will meet again in Heaven this is the hope the gift God leaves the followers of Jesus Christ with.

Leila Owen - January 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM

Jl

“ **Janice Classen**

I knew Dorothy for over six years; she was a lovely spirit with the hand of God as her guide. Dorothy loved signing in her church choir and riding her bicycle. I will miss our interesting discussions. Janice Classen, Chicago, IL - January 18, 2025

Janice Classen - Chicago, IL - January 18, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ I met Dorothy at a Bible study some years ago. What drew me to her, was her sense of humor. Dorothy could talk to anybody and that laugh of hers is etched in my mind. I knew Dorothy was interested in Brad, but he had no clue. After some time, it dawned on him that she liked him, and thus their journey began. On the day of their wedding, I and other friends of the couple were helping to set up tents, tables ,etc. along the river in Momence. It was a very hot and sweaty day on 7/7/2007. As I was helping 3 other people raise a canopy, they pulled upward faster than I was ready for and one of the posts hit me right above my left eye. I thought for sure I would be attending with my eye swollen shut! Afterwards, I drove back home to Manteno to shower and get ready for the wedding. On my way back, I got stopped by the ever famous RR tracks close to Southside Meats. Wondering if I was going to make it on time, I happen to notice the occupants of the car waiting ahead of me and it was Jeremy and Brad! They can't start without the groom so I was okay. When we got there, I had the privilege of straightening the rather nervous groom's tie. The crowning moment of the wedding was during the vows when Pastor Derrick asked Dorothy if she would "take Brad to be her wedded husband?" In the quiet, you could hear Dorothy say, "Well, I don't know....." The look on Brad's face was priceless and then she laughed. I'll never forget it and I will never forget her vivacious laugh. You will live on in our memories and our hearts, Dorothy Backus Shaul. I will miss you.

Jeanee Prince-Coco - January 17, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ Dorothy was the most kind and humorous person that I ever knew. May she rest in peace.

Cheryl Mancuso - January 17, 2025 at 08:55 AM

BE

“ Dorothy was such a Sweetheart I will forever remember her beautiful smile as she danced in the aisle of the Church, you couldn't help but to smile back at her she was just a Joy to be around I will miss her and she will always be in my thoughts such an awesome person.

Rest In Peace Dorothy 🌹



Barbara Erickson - January 17, 2025 at 07:50 AM

WB

“ With our deepest love, Vicky and Bob purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dorothy M. Shaul.



With our deepest love, Vicky and Bob - January 16, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LB

“ Dorothy is such a caring lady. She always see to it you are okay. A great friend in the truest sense of the word. Thank you for all the prayers you've done when I was on treatment. Rest in Peace. Heaven is rejoicing now. Surely, I will miss you. Thank you God she is home with you.

Larry and Barb - January 16, 2025 at 04:06 PM

NF

“ I worked with Dorothy at Riverside Medical Center. She was a hard working, dedicated CNA & always had a smile. Condolences to her family & may your memories give you comfort



Nita Foockle - January 16, 2025 at 01:48 PM

CN

“ Dorothy was a lovely Christian woman and had a beautiful singing voice. She will be missed.

Carolyn Noble - January 16, 2025 at 11:18 AM

LB

“ What a truly beautiful and faithful follower of Jesus! So glad we had lunch before we left! You will be so missed sweet friend.

Larry & Kelly Bauer - January 16, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ What a remarkable woman, one of true deep faith. You are missed.

Greg Ford - January 16, 2025 at 07:36 AM

RN

“ I love that "she tapped her heels and went home to be with Jesus" That truly characterizes her. We can't be there for the funeral but, our prayers are with you Brad and family as we contemplate this place in our hearts where her memory lives. I can imagine the homecoming in heaven as she passed from here to there. What a joy! What a celebration! Praise the Lord for her life and the love that she shared with us!

Roger & Nancy - January 16, 2025 at 04:20 AM

JS

“ Dorothy and I went to high school together and have since reconnected on social media. She was always kind and thoughtful. My sincere condolences to her family and all who loved her.

Jan Krizik Schmidt - January 15, 2025 at 11:10 PM

RV

“ Dorothy was a sweet and caring lady. I and Jim enjoyed listening to her sing. We will miss her dearly.



Ruby Hardin & Jim Voigt - January 15, 2025 at 10:43 PM



“ What a great lady, so sweet and fun. I met her on her Walk to Emmaus. What a joy to have known her, even if it was just once. Rest in Peace Dorothy. I will see you again. You were such a blessing.

Patrice Espinosa - January 15, 2025 at 10:30 PM