



Dorothy E. Canter

May 20, 2018

Dorothy Canter, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, teacher, pianist, sister in Christ died unexpectedly at home on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Daughter of R. Sterling Elmer and Dorothy Nissley Elmer.

Dorothy grew up on a dairy farm in Lancaster Township. She was the oldest of 4 siblings. She graduated from Manhiem Township HS and earned her degree in English and Latin from Millersville State - now MU. Magistra Canter taught at Cocalico, Lampeter-Strasburg, Avon Grove and Conestoga Valley SD. She served on the board of Shalom Partnership and supported LUMINA, the Strasburg Library, Marie Feree Society, Farm Women, neighborhood Bible Study PTO and United Methodist Women where she served at both the district and conference level.

Dorothy spent the majority of her time at New Creation UMC (formerly St. Paul's,

Lancaster) volunteering as choir director, pianist, Lay Leader, Sunday School Teacher, UMW president, Conference Delegate and Bible Study Leader. She shared her love of learning, reading and travel with her four grandchildren, Anthony, Catherine, Mark and Andrew and treated each of them to a UK right of passage trip with her before high school.

Dorothy will be lovingly missed by her son, Nathaniel, daughter, Mary Elisabeth (Erick Witemann), siblings, Robert Elmer (Julie), Judith (Willi Zodet), Melissa (Max Mayer) cousins, nieces and nephews and her furry companions Jessie and Molly. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Dorothy's Funeral Service at New Creation UMC, 10 W. Farnum Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor John Gordon Smith and Pastor Angel Lopez officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) and again at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Cemetery Details

Strasburg Mennonite Cemetery

Strasburg, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
admin@thegroffs.com
<https://thegroffs.com/>

Viewing

MAY **26.** 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

New Creation UMC
10 W. Farnum St.
Lancaster, PA 17601

Service

MAY **26.** 10:30 AM (ET)

New Creation UMC
10 W. Farnum St.
Lancaster, PA 17601

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy E. Canter

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Mary and Nate, so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. Always enjoyed chatting with her when she showed up to sub at PV. Loved her smile, big heart and her two children!
Valerie Shapella

Valerie Shapella - June 11, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Jackie Snyder lit a candle in memory of Dorothy E. Canter



Jackie Snyder - May 23, 2018 at 10:45 PM



She was my English teacher at CVHS. Many years later, we lived a few houses down from one another on Grasshopper Level. RIP

Jackie Snyder - May 23, 2018 at 10:49 PM



My condolences on Dorothy's passing. I enjoyed her music at mission u. She'll be missed. Jean Twardzik

Jean Twardzik - May 24, 2018 at 07:09 PM

RA

“ *Rest in peace... my 12th grade English teacher... Robert E Anne*

Robert E Anne - May 23, 2018 at 12:08 PM

JT

“ *Veni, vidi, vici. Peace, John, Barbara Titus*

john barbara titus - May 22, 2018 at 12:40 PM

WD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy's family. She was a wonderful lady.*
-West District Office, Eastern PA Conference, UMC.



West District - May 22, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy E. Canter.*



May 22, 2018 at 08:11 AM

LB

“ *Before I met Dorothy I was just going through what my Catholic Church expected, I never felt or knew the presence of God. Through the friendship of Dorothy, she brought me to God and showed me the wonders of faith. It didn't take long before I dropped my roots and joined St. Paul's now New Creation. Dorothy was truly an angel to everyone she met. You will be greatly missed.*

Linda Bulett - May 22, 2018 at 06:44 AM

KP

I knew Dorothy as a friend in the 1950s when I played the organ at St Paul's. Chester Buzzard was the pastor and Dorothy was a high school student of mine. Thank you for your testimony and may God continue to bless you and St. Paul's church.

Kroecker Philip - May 29, 2018 at 05:01 AM