



## Dorothy Honora Rodgers "Nora"

July 1, 2018

Dorothy Honora Rodgers, 'Nora', died July 1, 2018 at The Lakeside, Willow Valley. Family, faith, friends, and a love of learning and finding new challenges defined her life.

She was born October 5, 1922 in St. James Hospital, Newark, NJ to Edward and Margaret McMinnen McCaffrey. Her mother died when she was 11, and she and her younger sister, Evelyn, lived with their father and paternal grandmother for a time.

She attended St. James grammar school and had fond memories of many caring and hard working nuns who gave her additional support and time. After graduation from East Side High, she had a two year scholarship to nearby Montclair State College for mathematics and completed her bachelor's degree at night at Seton Hall University whilst working full time. She found fulfillment in working at a bank though she regretted she didn't have the funds to complete the prerequisite internship in or to become a high school mathematics teacher. Her first husband, Herbert Otto, died in 1956. She and her second husband, Charles J. Rodgers, married in 1958 and came to Lancaster. She said the view of blossoming cherry trees on North President Avenue convinced her of the beauty of Lancaster, as well as the gorgeous countryside seen on the Amtrak train - first impression.

Dorothy and Charles lived happily on North Bausman Drive, in a house she decorated with love and style, hosting many fun parties, and appreciating the kindness and community of the neighborhood. She was an active parishioner

at St. Philip the Apostle Church and attended mass regularly at St. Joseph Church and the former St. Joseph's Hospital, where she helped run the former gift shop. She loved working at the YW Town Fair, enjoyed keeping score records for the Meadia Heights women's groups, and volunteered at Lancaster Country Day, the YWCA, and St. Philip's. She had several holes in one at golf in VT and FL, and many happy memories of time at Meadia Heights golfing, and playing bridge. She leaves a legacy of love, devotion to family and friends, service to the community, and a keen sense of humor and style.

Dorothy was predeceased by both husbands, her beloved younger sister, Evelyn and brother-in-law, Leo, two cousins who served in the Order of St. Joseph, her sisters-in-laws, Frances and Catharine, her dear friend, Joan Crawford Reid, and her many friends on North Bausman Drive and in the Willow Valley community.

She is survived by her daughter, Catherine and son-in-law, Louis Perez and sister-in-law, Geraldine (all NJ), and dear nieces and nephews, Patricia (late Frederick), James (Eileen), Margaret (George), Catherine (Patrick), and Leo.

Dorothy's family wishes to thank the caregivers at Manor North, The Glen, Arbor View, and The Lakeside (Willow Valley), and Lancaster Pinnacle and Lancaster General.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dorothy's Memorial Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, 2111 Millersville Pike, Lancaster, PA on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Lawrence Sherdel, Celebrant officiating. Private interment at St. Joseph's New Catholic Cemetery, Bausman, PA.

Memorials in Nora's name may be sent to the scholarship fund at Willow Valley, St. Philip's Church, or the Lancaster Humane Society or Pet Pantry of

Lancaster.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church  
2111 Millersville Pike  
Lancaster, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Honora Rodgers "Nora"

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ My sincere condolences on the passing of your mom. We will keep you in our prayers. And, yes, I must admit that I am the other delinquent in Greg's story. Unfortunately, I am also out of town for your mothers service.

Take care,  
Tom Schreder

Tom Schreder - July 07, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ So sorry Catherine to hear about the passing of your mother. I have great memories of her when we were kids. I remember her using a small kitchen fire extinguisher while trying to help my mother put out a small fire in a bush behind our house. The fire department was called and two young juvenile delinquents ( I won't mention any names ) were punished for causing such a problem. I regret that I will be out of town for the service. I wish you peace during this difficult time.

Greg Schreder

Greg Schreder - July 03, 2018 at 10:14 AM



My love to the family of a most wonderful woman whom gave me the best memories in my childhood. She change my childhood with showing me what it was like to help others with volunteer. Her love of travel inspired me to travel. She was a true inspiration. Much love,  
Karen Sweigart

karen sweigart - July 06, 2018 at 05:08 PM

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*And what a lovely lovely photo!*

**karen sweigart** - July 06, 2018 at 05:09 PM

SG

“ *I was saddened to see the passing of Nora. I only met her briefly but she left such an impression! She was a spitfire! I met Nora several years ago when she was detoured while on her way home to Willow Valley. She had an accident on River Road in Martic Township and I just happened to be the first one on the scene. While waiting for the ambulance I had the opportunity to sit with her and calm her down. She was quite upset by the fact that the detour wasn't very well planned or marked and all the roads looked the same down here! She wasn't a fan of seat belts either! I had the opportunity to speak with her, her daughter and a friend from Willow Valley several times after that to check on her progress. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends as I know she will be missed. Shyrl Greenawalt*



**Shyrl Greenawalt** - July 03, 2018 at 07:10 AM