



Dorothy M. Willis

February 28, 1924 - October 6, 2019

Dorothy M. Willis of Saline, MI, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 95 years of age. Dorothy was a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Auntie, friend and Nana to almost everyone. Dorothy was a veteran of World War II, serving in the British Royal Navy, where she met her husband to be and became a war bride. She traveled to the coal camps of West Virginia where she gave birth to her only child. Post war fortune led her, her husband and daughter to Detroit's automotive industry where she worked as a seamstress, sewing seats for Fisher Body. She later became an accomplished artist and art teacher, classical music aficionado (although later she ended up a Beatles fan), world traveler, visiting China and the Holy Lands, as well as a snowbird to Florida in the winter. She also knitted the best lap afghans ever, in such a quantity that they were given to almost everyone who visited her, as well as donating them to Mott's Children's hospital. Sunday dinner was a big thing at Nana's house. Either pizza and chicken by the pool or her English stew in the wintertime. She would let everyone watch the football game for an hour or two before asking people to play Scrabble where she was a formidable foe. She was always pleasant, always singing a tune and always focusing on the positive side of life. She spent her last several years in the comfort of Evangelical Home in Saline, still making people laugh and feel joy. She didn't leave any stones unturned in this life. As hard as some of those years were, hosting a world war in her back yard or establishing herself in a new country, she experienced and provided happiness for all who met her. Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband Alonzo, her sister Irene and her daughter Katherine. She is survived by her three grandsons; David (Beth), Andrew, Jeremy (Lisa), and granddaughter-in-law Mary. As well as four great grandchildren; Christopher, Sophia, Sean and Fiona; and several nieces and nephews in England. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Evangelical Home in Saline, Michigan. Rest In Peace Nana. To leave a memory you have of Dorothy, or for directions please visit www.rbhfsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/greatlakes.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 East Michigan Ave.
Saline, MI 48176
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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Willis.



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“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Willis.



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