



Dorothy Byberg Regnerus

February 22, 1914 - March 30, 2009

Dorothy Mary Rood was born on February 22, 1914 in Chasely, ND, the daughter of Dan Oliver and Anna (Gunderson) Rood. She attended grade school in Bowdon, ND before moving near Park Rapids, MN. The family then moved to rural Valley City, ND. Dorothy graduated from Valley City High School in 1929 and then worked as a nanny in the Valley City area. She attended Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis.

On June 13, 1937, she was united in marriage to Bjarne Byberg in Valley City, where they made their home. The couple managed the Lutheran Home in Valley City before opening and operating the Bible Book Store and Gift Shop.

After a second bout of tuberculosis, she began taking college courses at Valley City State College, as part of her rehabilitation. She continued taking classes and graduated in 1965, alongside her son, Marlo.

Following her college education, she began teaching at Valley City High School. She taught art there from 1965 until retiring in 1993. During her tenure at Valley City High School, she was named as Teacher of the Year. Bjarne passed away on December 17, 1972.

July 27, 1987, she married Menzo Regnerus. They made their home in Valley City. She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Dorothy was always a very active woman, she belonged to and supported several organizations, including; National Art Education Association, National Education and State Association, Business and Professional Women, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Menzo Regnerus of Valley City; children, Marlo (Bonita) Byberg of New Rockford, ND, Barbara (Gary) Larson of Moorhead, MN, and Brenda (Steve) Metcalf of Grand Forks, ND; step-children, Gloria (Jim) Campbell of Grand Rapids, MI and Pam Regnerus of Seattle, WA; grandchildren, Tamara (Matt) Kautzer, Michael (Erica) Larson, Trisha (Tom) Walsh, Trent (Lori) Byberg, Kevin Larson, Christine (Matt) Myrvold, Travis (Jodi) Byberg, Emily Metcalf, Andrea Metcalf; step-grandchildren, Paul Campbell and Bradford Campbell; great grandchildren, Keith Larson, Bridget Walsh, Kamden Richardson, Nathan Larson, Kenzie Richardson, Jack Byberg, Jacob Walsh, Hunter Byberg, Clara Kautzer, and Baylee Byberg; sisters, Olive Olstad of Valley City and Clara (Axel) Pedersen of Valley City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Bjarne; brothers, Harold Rood and Dan “Bud” Rood; sisters, Ilene Bonde, Amanda Rood and Alice Rood; and nephew, Rickey Rood.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ There's so many memories I could write about here, but it would take up too much space. So I'll just say that Dorothy has been the most loving grandma I've ever known. And I love her so much.##imported-begin##Emily Metcalf##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 04:18 PM



“ Through her artwork and devotion for others, Dorothy will live out in our hearts.##imported-begin##David B. Combs##imported-end##

October 17, 2009 at 05:20 AM



“ I cherish the memory of the grand lady who taught me love of art and to be creative in my own way. Many students were nurtured inside the classroom & yet her lessons were in many forms. I have always thought of Dorothy as a role model. She is in many memories and I think of her with every glance of a yard full of blooms.##imported-begin##Wanda (Erickson) Bakke##imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 01:03 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Dorothy Byberg Regnerus. Mrs. Byberg was such an inspirational person. She is one of the main reasons why I pursued Art education. I remember how she would tell us not to paint cute things. She motivated us to higher levels in art and our personal lives. She definitely made an impression. She will be greatly missed and her spirit lives on in so many that were touched by her presence. God Bless.##imported-begin##Paul Noot##imported-end##

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 PM



“ Dorthy Byberg was my art teacher in 1978-79 and was such a wonderful teacher/person and inspired her students with art even thou my talents were minimal. She always made her students believe they were Picasso no matter of their artistic ability.

She will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Larry Hoffman##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 03:36 PM



“ We are sad to hear of Mrs. Byberg's passing - I often reflect on the impact she had on my life ... most significant in her selecting me for the Bjorn Byberg award in 1981 (hopefully, I've done it justice) - and recalling it as a true surprise and honor (in hindsight, it was a boost when I needed it). Thoughts and prayers from my family to yours.

Douglas D. Wild##imported-begin##Douglas Wild##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 11:50 AM



“ My condolences to the family. As a 1983 VCHS graduate, Mrs. Byberg was my art teacher. She was an unforgettable teacher and my knowledge of the classics in art is due to her.##imported-begin##Lorelee Bloom##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 10:53 AM



“ Dorothy was one of most encouraging art teachers I ever had. Who could ever forget the unique way she had of presenting the morning school announcements each day. She gave me the courage to pursue art as a college major. Whenever I pass by her home, I will always see the flowers blooming there.##imported-begin##Jeffrey Bloom##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 10:22 AM



“ Many fond remembrances of Cousin Dorothy Mary and all the Rood Family gatherings while growing up in Valley City. As Dorothy Arline Rood our names would sometimes be mixed up if the middle name was not mentioned. I can recall Dorothy being Dan Rood's daughter and me being Amos Daughter. Dorothy was my Bible Class Teacher while studying for confirmation. She was a very conscientious teacher and thoughtful towards her students. At that time Dorothy gave me a small hymn booklet that to this day is a treasure.

I am so very thankful I was able to spend a few memorable days with Dorothy and Menzo while in Valley City during June/July of 2007. All my sympathy and prayers for Dorothy's family##imported-begin##Dorothy A. Jones##imported-end##

April 03, 2009 at 06:14 PM



“ *May the comfort of the Lord be yours. There are some very special memories from decades ago that are so precious to me. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Gary Skramstad###imported-begin###*Gary Skramstad*###imported-end##

April 03, 2009 at 05:19 PM



“ *Paul and Sue (Pederson) Phillips*

Menzo, Marlo, Barb, Brenda and families – Our love and prayers are with you. I have wonderful childhood memories of Aunt Dorothy -- Christmas Eve dinners, happy picnics in the back yard, making dolls out of hollyhocks, spending the night, and walking to church. My children have great memories too -- Erin and Trevor remember fun times playing in Great Aunty Dorothy's basement; she had all kinds of art supplies and she let them use everything and paint pictures and make wonderful creations. What fun memories to have. She was a kind and generous person, an encourager and positive influence to her students, and she never failed to keep Jesus first in her life. We wish we were able to be with you for the funeral, but you will be in our hearts. Love and Prayers.###imported-begin###*Paul and Sue Phillips (Houston, Texas)*###imported-end##

April 03, 2009 at 02:04 PM



“ *My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Menzo, Marlo, Barb, and Brenda. Aunt Dorothy was wonderful.*###imported-begin###*Roger and Heidi Rood*###imported-end##

April 03, 2009 at 11:36 AM



“ *Mrs. Byberg was my art teacher. I graduated in 1976. I will always remember her as the best teacher with such a kind heart. She truly loved teaching and took so much time with each student, making us all believe in ourselves. I continued with some art skills after high school. It helped me in my career that I truly love. I am a florist going on 30 plus years. Mrs. Byberg taught me skills that I use every day. Your wife, mother, and grandmother will be truly missed and remembered always.*###imported-begin###*Debbie (Ronholm) White*###imported-end##

April 03, 2009 at 09:22 AM