



Dorothy M. Peter

May 30, 2020

Dorothy May Peter (nee Fisk)

7/1/1920-5/30/2020

Teaneck--Dorothy May Peter (nee Fisk), 99, passed away May 30, 2020 just shy of her 100th birthday. Born in East Orange, NJ, she spent her life in NJ, living subsequently in Passaic, Leonia, Englewood, New Milford, and Teaneck. She retired from Alexanders Department Store after many years of service. At home she enjoyed baking delicious cookies and other desserts to spoil her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling to LBI each summer and was an avid bowler, a skilled seamstress, and skilled at many types of needlecrafts.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Carl L. Peter, Sr. (2001), and is survived by son Carl L. Peter, Jr. (Lorraine), and daughter Jean D. Marty (Bill), grandchildren Jennifer Sierra (Max), Sara Marty, Will Marty, and great-granddaughters Miranda and Camila Sierra.

The family asks that donations be made to a charity of choice in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Oradell
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Oradell, NJ 07649
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Funeral Service

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy M. Peter*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - June 04, 2020 at 11:16 AM

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I haven't seen Dorothy in many years. During the time I was in New Jersey we would meet and have lunch together at the Emerson Hotel enjoying our Steak Sandwiches their speciality. I envied her knitting and sewing ability that was perfection. A loving and caring Mother to Carl and my lovely daughter-in-law Jean and her grandchildren Will and Sara. She leaves a legacy of love to all who knew her. May she now join her loved ones in heaven.
Barbara Marty

Barbara Marty - June 04, 2020 at 01:38 PM

RM

Very Beautiful service. So glad we were able to watch it live over the internet.

Robert Matz - June 04, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *Dorothy M. Peter*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Dorothy M. Peter*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Dorothy M. Peter*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

“ Celebrating a Life of Devotion and Creativity

When Dorothy May Fisk—later fondly known as Dot, Mom, Gram, and Great Grandma—was born in 1920, the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic remained fresh in people’s memories. Friends of the family sent a letter of congratulation to proud parents Melville and Catherine filled with best wishes and hope for a future for their daughter that would be filled with a sense of “faithfulness and duty” to her family.

Inexpensive cameras for home use enabled early 20th c. families to document their activities, from routine to special occasions. Sorting through almost 100 years of family photos has helped Carl and me to know more about what influenced Mom to become the creative and caring person that we knew, and now remember and celebrate. Early photos show childhood and teenage activities (that people now snap on smart devices to instantly share on social media)—family gatherings, dress-up with little sister Catherine, and Teenage outings with friends from The Presbyterian Church and Teaneck High School. Her church youth group friends included Alice Hansen and Warren Ecke (who later married). Sister Catherine and brother-in-law John Upton’s names appear in the list of WWII veterans in the church parlor.

Not everything was carefree in the 30s--The Great Depression gave adult responsibilities to young people even before high school graduation. For Mom that meant helping her mother with baby brother John. It also meant sewing clothes for herself and others. It meant trying to rise above family tensions that accompany uncertain financial security.

Shortly after high school graduation in 1939 Dot met the love of her life, Carl Peter, and they married at home in 1942 since the Presbyterian Church of Teaneck had no center aisle for brides. The newlyweds moved to Englewood, and later to New Milford to help care for both Mom’s mother and mother-in-law.

Mom immersed herself in family and neighborhood activities to the pleasure of all, while raising a growing family that came to include Carl Jr. and Jean. She made clothes and doll clothes for family and friends, bought and packed treats to distribute with husband Carl

when they became “Mr. and Mrs. Santa” for neighborhood children every Christmas Eve, and knitted and crocheted countless beautiful sweaters and blankets—all to give away. She was an avid reader of popular fiction and we think that she read every craft magazine ever published so that she could try out new ideas!

Mom always liked to stay active so when family care duties lessened, and Carl Jr. and Jean entered high school, she took a job at Alexanders Department Store where she remained until she retired. Retirement offered the freedom to travel with husband Carl until life changed once more and she became his caretaker for a few years, often ignoring her own needs in doing so.

Despite the challenges sent her way, Mom never lost her helpful and creative nature. During her final three years spent in skilled care, she had advice for everyone about how to care for someone better, as I am sure that any nurse there could tell you! . Even though almost blind and deaf, she would tell Lorraine how to knit or crochet something from a pattern in her memory. Her greatest focus for care and concern during these last few years centered on keeping in touch with her family and friends whom she loved and cared for dearly, and we all now celebrate that she has entered Eternal Life and can rejoin her cherished family and friends who went before her.

Lorraine and Carl Peter - June 01, 2020 at 05:05 PM

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“ Jean, Bill, Will & Sara Marty purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothy M. Peter.



Jean, Bill, Will & Sara Marty - June 01, 2020 at 03:58 PM