



Dorothy Emmert

March 24, 1927 - August 16, 2015

Dorothy Herak Witt Emmert, 88, of South Haven and formerly of Bangor, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 16, 2015, in her apartment at River Ridge Retirement Village.

She was born March 24, 1927, in Oglesby, Illinois, daughter of the late George and Matilda [Vidakovich] Herak but was raised by her mother and her second father, Milan (Michael) Sablan. In 1945 she married Lt. Robert Henry Witt who passed away unexpectedly shortly thereafter. In 1948, she married John Price Emmert, a union of 53 years.

Dorothy was an accomplished businesswoman who began packing blueberries on her ironing board in the family garage in 1953 and watched the business grow to over one million pounds of packed berries yearly appearing in the produce sections of grocery stores throughout the Midwest. She ended her business career as Vice President of Emmert Transfer Co. But she probably took greater satisfaction from her role as the maven of social occasions, planning dinners, holiday celebrations, and parties for her family and friends at her Arlington Street home in Bangor. Each event was preceded by weeks of planning not only a delectable menu but its presentation. To the end, her children continued to call her and ask exactly how she made that strudel, or kieflias, or cole slaw, or Goop!

Dorothy was a member of the First Congregational Church of Bangor, and a life-time member of the Bangor Historical Society.

Dorothy cared for her family immensely, and she expressed that love by throwing a party for each one whenever she could. She is survived by her six children: Susan [and Tim] of Rancho Santa Fe, California; Dick [and Ginger] of New Hartford, New York; Bob [and Linda] of Bangor; Bonnie [and Bob] of South Deerfield, Massachusetts; Chuck [and Amy] of Elsie, Michigan; and Amy [and Ed] of Rutland, Vermont; and five grandchildren [Wendy, Timothy, Craig, Kelley and Lizzie]; and three great granddaughters [Olivia, Georgia, and Reece]. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; two grandchildren [Patrick and Alison]; her brother Dan and sister Rose Marie.

The family wishes to thank Hospice at Home, the staff of River Ridge Retirement Village for their cheerful and expert care, and especially Dorothy's devoted companion, Pat Lamp.

The family will meet friends 11-1PM Friday, at the First Congregational Church of Bangor where the funeral services will be at 1 pm with Chuck Emmert officiating.

In lieu of flowers please kindly consider a donation to The First Congregational Church of Bangor, Hospice at Home, Bangor Historical Society, or throwing a party for a loved one in Dorothy's memory.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church
12 Charles Street
Bangor, MI

Service

AUG 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike and Suzanne (Little) Grimmer

suzanne grimmer - August 20, 2015 at 09:14 PM

PH

“ Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all as you celebrate Dorothy's life. We regret that we are unable to attend the funeral. I will never forget my summer working at Emmert's Transfer. We worked hard, but had a good time while doing so. (I can still hear her break into song, singing "Oh Johnny" 😊). She was a good business woman, who taught us all about a good work ethic. May God bless your whole family and fill you with His peace.

With deepest sympathy,

Ron & Pat Henry

Patti Henry - August 20, 2015 at 05:36 PM

SG

“ Bob and the entire Emmert family,
Sorry to hear about your mom. I know your family will miss her dearly. Remember she is always in your heart.

Suzie & Joan Ghidotti - August 20, 2015 at 07:42 AM

JP

“ Sincerest condolences to Amy, Bob, Bonnie, Chuck, Dick and, especially, Susan on the passing of their beloved Mother.

Dorothy's was a life well lived.

John Perez

John Perez - August 19, 2015 at 11:22 PM



“ Dorothy will be missed. She was a very lovable person and very cheerful and outgoing. My condolences to the family-you were her "all". Rest in Peace, Dorothy.

Carolyn Watkins Herndon

Carolyn Herndon - August 19, 2015 at 10:42 AM

DR

“ You and your family are in our prayers.

Dennis Rainey - August 19, 2015 at 09:00 AM

RD

“ My deepest and most profound condolences to the Emmert family for the loss of Dorothy. I pray for God's blessing and comfort for you.

Rick Dillman - August 18, 2015 at 02:34 PM