



Dorothy J. Graden

November 10, 1922 - May 14, 2010

Dorothy J. (Haddad, Boggs) Graden, age 87 of Toledo passed away Friday May 14, 2009 at the Lutheran Village at Wolfcreek.

She was the daughter of Joseph A. Haddad (d. 1974) and Lilly Zahab (d. 1945). Born and raised in North Toledo, Dorothy was thoroughly Lebanese and cooked Lebanese food almost as well as her professional-cook mother. A 1940 Woodward High School graduate, she married John "Jack" L. Graden in 1945 while he was in the Army. After WWII they began raising their family: John Graden, Jeanne Graden, and Joseph (Mary Pat) Graden from whom came two of Dorothy's grandchildren: Matthew Graden and Jennifer Graden]. After Jack died in 1952 she remarried in 1956 and gave birth to her fourth child, Mary Jo (Boggs) Graden (Hilary Marsh) who gave Dorothy her third grandchild, Katherine Graden.] She worked for lawyers, then for the Toledo Public Schools from which she retired in 1978. She first moved to Florida to be with her sisters Josephine (Mike) Addis and Mary Pluciniak-Sizemore all of whom have predeceased her. Mary's two children are still living: Bob (Paula) Pluciniak just outside of Toledo and Lori (George, deceased) Kelly in Akron. In 1980 Dorothy said "yes" to her first husband's brother (Bill Graden), when he proposed, after the death of his first wife, Alice. They got married in Toledo, but she moved to West Covina, California where Bill had been living. They had eight years together before Bill finally succumbed to the strokes that had begun shortly after their marriage. Dorothy remained in California where Bill's two children, Bill Jr. (Sabra) and Sue (Doug) were raising their families. In her

almost 30 years there she developed a group of wonderful friends at Sacred Heart Church, often attending daily mass and going out to breakfast with them.

In June 2009, she moved back to Toledo to live with her son Joe and his wife Mary-Pat. She was delighted to be closer to family and her grandchildren Matthew, Jennifer and Katherine. Following a fall and head injury last October, she declined rather rapidly and was no longer able to live without constant care. Her long term memory was largely intact, so she would know you, but then probably not remember that you had been there. She seemed to be stable, relatively pain free and laughed a great deal. On Friday after getting dressed and having breakfast, she went back to her room and sat comfortably in her chair where she died peacefully a short time later. She will long be remembered by so many for contagious laughter and love of her family and many, many friends.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, May 17th with the scripture service at 7 p.m. at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., in Toledo. On the morning of Tuesday the 18th there will be an hour of visitation at Little Flower Church on Door Street before the 10:30 a.m. funeral mass.

Memorials can be made to the Toledo Oblates of St. Francis de Sales , American Diabetes Association or a charity of your choice

Tribute Wall



“ *John and Family,
condolences and prayers for that wonderful lady! Now I know where
John learned to cook.
Sorry I am out of town that day but we are remembering her at
Regina Coeli parish.*

*Jim Auth##imported-begin##Jim Auth auth1@juno.com##imported-
end##*

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“ *Mary Jo- Sorry to hear about your mom--My sympathy and prayers
to you and your family.##imported-begin##Marcia Blaine-Holtz emjs
holtz@bex.net##imported-end##*

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“ *To all: you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Cathy (McClain)
Alfrio joealfer@uckeye-epress.com##imported-end##*

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“ *Worked with Dorothy at Markwood and Dorrell. Enjoyed her
friendship and have pleasant memories of this fine lady.
I extend my sincere sympathy to her family.##imported-
begin##Margaret Zatzko fnzat2002@yahoo.com##imported-end##*

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“ Ms. Graden,
Words are always inadequate at times like this. The only advice I can offer is embrace the good times that you had with your Mom, it will make it easier to hold onto the memories and the love you shared. May we meet again in better times.
My Best wishes and Warmest regards,
Tom Toth###imported-begin##Tom Toth cc136@aol.com###imported-end##

May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss and am praying for your family. I am glad your Mom was able to move back here a year ago - I'm sure that extra quality time will be cherished.
Love, Traci###imported-begin##Traci Bash
tracibash@yahoo.com###imported-end##

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“ We send our sincere condolences to the family. May Dorothy rest in peace and may we be comforted by our faith in eternal life with our Lord.

Royce & Helen Haddad
Largo, FL###imported-begin##Royce & Helen Haddad###imported-end##

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“ To the Family of Dorothy Graden;
Search the world over there is no one like a mom and no love greater than a mom's love, except for Our Lord's love. May Our Lord hold you all in the palm of His hands as you grieve for your loss and rejoice in your mom's going home at last.
May God graces fill your hearts.
Sandy & Tom Russell###imported-begin##Sandra & Thomas Russell
srussell@accesstoledo.com###imported-end##

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“ Hi Mary Jo!

I am sorry about the sorrow you are feeling at this time. You and your family have been in my thoughts and prayers. The death of a parent is such an emotional time. I wish you well.

I am very glad that I can send my condolences on line since circumstances prevented me from being able to visit you last evening at the funeral home. I have been thinking of you.

Take care and love,

Kathy###imported-begin##Kathy M. Henry (Kilman) henry@saintroseonline.org###imported-end##

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“ Fr. Graden,

My husband Tom & I would like to offer our condolences at this difficult time. Losing a parent is never easy, no matter how old you are. My mother and father-in-law, Tom & Sandy Russell, are friends of the family. It meant a great deal to us when you and your cousin, Bob Pluciniak, officiated at our wedding in October of 2001.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Lauri & Tom Russell###imported-begin##Lauri & Tom Russell lauri.ane@att.net###imported-end##

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“ Mary Jo:

So sorry to learn that your mom passed away. I fondly remember her cooking and her great laugh. Of course, I haven't seen her (or you) for years. When we were kids she was so hospitable - she was an amazing cook! Even tho I refused to try her "kibbie" (not sure how to spell that) she had many other dishes which were terrific - (remember the stuffed grape leaves?). I never left your house hungry. And I enjoyed her laughter - so infectious. She was a gracious and fun Mom! Grateful I was lucky to have her touch my life. Wishing you peace and consolation at this time!

All the best,

*Barbara###imported-begin##Barbara Blaine
snapblaine@gmail.com###imported-end##*

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“ I am truly sorry I couldn't be there but my love and prayers are with you. May God bless all of you and help you in your sorrow.##imported-begin##Renie Hashim##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We were so glad that we visited last summer and enjoyed spending a pleasant evening with Joe, his wife, and your mom. We have such pleasant memories of your mom. Hope you all are well and find strength at this time. She will be missed. Marge, Harry, and Kathy.##imported-begin##Marge Sheroian and Kathy Resener kathyar70@hotmail.com##imported-end##

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“ You all have my sympathy. Father John my heart goes out to you. Your Mother was a customer of mine and also a good friend .I met you at your Mothers place .My Sister is a Nun at St Francis convent , Tiffin, Ohio. Sister Beatrice Herman. I called your Mom and talked to her about 6 weeks ago.. We at Sacred Heart Church will miss her .When Dorothy was here in California .I seen and talked to her every Wednesday morning in Church. Again you all have my Sympathy. Thank you for taking care of your Mother .##imported-begin##Victor A Herman Veeherman@aol.com##imported-end##

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