



Dorothy J. Langenderfer

May 15, 1932 - May 29, 2021

Dorothy Josephine (Perz) Langenderfer, 89, of Toledo, a loving mother, sister, grandmother, and friend passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Dorothy was born on May 15, 1932, in Toledo, to Joseph and Marie Perz. Dorothy graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1950, and earned an associate's degree from Mary Manse College. Dorothy worked at Kaiser Jeep as an Executive Assistant for 19 years. After becoming a mother, she worked for 32 years as an Associate Development Director for the Catholic Diocese of Toledo. Dorothy married Gerald Joseph Langenderfer on May 21, 1960. After Jerry retired from the Toledo Police Department and became a Deacon, he went to Ottawa, Canada to study canon law. All the while, Dorothy held down the fort at her beloved Beverly Drive home. Gerald preceded her in death on May 23, 1989.

Despite growing up in the Depression Era, Dorothy was nevertheless generous, giving, and sharing with everyone she met. Dorothy was a devout Catholic, attended daily morning Mass, faithfully prayed the Rosary, and lived out her deep faith in sharing her time, talents, and treasure with all. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends on her beloved back porch and serving them food. She loved gardening, mowing the lawn, and cleaning the gutters. She enjoyed chasing unwelcomed cats and chipmunks out of her yard; one or two may have even felt the spray of her garden hose. She loved shopping for a good deal on the clearance rack. While working for Jeep, she

was proud to bring home a different car every weekend for brother to drive. After retirement, she continued to do the work of a Deacon's wife by volunteering at UTMC and St. Luke's Hospital distributing Holy Communion and visiting the sick. She also volunteered as an usher at the Stranahan and enjoyed the theater and opera.

Surviving Dorothy are her son, Joseph (Catherine) Langenderfer, Raleigh, NC; daughter, Therese (Tom) Merchant, Maumee, OH; brother, Joseph (Sally) Perz, Toledo, OH; sister, Louise Little, Englewood, FL; grandchildren, Nicholas Langenderfer, Zachary Langenderfer, Matthew Langenderfer, Thomas Merchant, Grace Merchant, Mary Merchant, and John Merchant; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her sister, Helen Rigoulot.

Visitation will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maumee on Friday, June 4, 2021, from 10:00 am until 11:00 am, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am with Fr. Eric Schild and Fr. Jim Halleron officiating.

Interment will follow at the Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to offer a memorial tribute are asked to consider Central Catholic High School, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Please view the online guest registry at CoyleFuenralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph (Maumee)
104 West Broadway Street
Maumee, OH 43537

Funeral Ceremony

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph (Maumee)
104 W Broadway St
Maumee, OH

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Dorothy was part of a Sorority from High School at Central Catholic. These women met often to share. Margie Baranoski was one of her friends and I offer it to Dorothy's family as a tribute to the women that made up the sorority. Sorry for your loss.

Dr. James N. Phillips Jr - June 04, 2021 at 01:50 PM



Thanks very much for your thoughtful comments. The names Marge, Doty, Barb, Mary Ann, Noreen et.al. are indelibly etched in our hearts and memories. Fine ladies indeed!

Joe Langenderfer - June 04, 2021 at 05:28 PM

PH

“ Joe and family: Please accept my condolences on Mrs. Langenderfer's death. May Almighty God welcome her into His Eternal Light, and may she rest in peace.

Paul Hood - June 04, 2021 at 09:00 AM



Paul -thank you again for visiting my mother today and brief chat. Your words are most comforting and your presence says a lot about a NOLA friend and colleague whom I've not seen in person for years. You're a class act, Paul.

Joe Langenderfer - June 04, 2021 at 05:24 PM

TA

“ *Tabea, Ruth und Andreas purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dorothy J. Langenderfer.*



Tabea, Ruth und Andreas - June 03, 2021 at 04:06 PM

RT

“ *I am very sad to hear that Tass died! I met her only once in 2016, but it felt as I would know her for a long time as part of the Langenderfer family.*
Tass was a very warm hearted lady and I have wished to meet her again.
I often remember, when we sat together on her porch together with Zack and Tabea and discussed about “Gott und die Welt”.
I am glad to hear, that she had the chance to leave in peace surrounded by her family.

Ruth Thomas - June 03, 2021 at 03:57 PM



Ruth -Thank you for sharing such a heartfelt memory and for your beautiful flower arrangement. I know that our mother looked forward to seeing you again. Upon your next trip to the states we look forward to further reminiscing. Blessings and thank you, Andreas, Tabea and Lars

Joe Langenderfer - June 03, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy J. Langenderfer.*



June 03, 2021 at 02:04 PM

RK

“ So sorry to hear of Dorothy’s death. My mom and dad were good friends of her parents. Growing up I remember spending many fun days at their house. After the parents died, my mom kept up her friendship with her sister. I use to run into Joe at CCHS. I was very surprised when I met up with Sally and Joe at St. Clement where I taught. .My condolences to all in the family. May she rest in heavenly peace. 🙏🌸

Rita (Rogers) Kerstiens - June 02, 2021 at 08:46 PM



Thank you kindly for these lifelong memories.

Joe Langenderfer - June 02, 2021 at 09:01 PM

SG

“ My deepest sympathy. May she enjoy eternal life with your dad.
Hugs to all

Sue Grethel - June 02, 2021 at 05:13 PM



Thank you, Sue. Very fitting prayer!

Joe Langenderfer - June 02, 2021 at 08:36 PM

TZ

“ Dear Joe and Therese,

I am sorry to hear of your mothers passing.

Your Father was a huge influence in my life and your Mother was always warm and welcoming whenever I would be over to the house.

Condolences,

Tom Zitzelberger

Tom Zitzelberger - June 02, 2021 at 01:12 PM



Tom- thanks so much for your beautiful memories!!

Joe Langenderfer - June 02, 2021 at 03:08 PM

MB

Joe,

I am so sorry for you, your sister and your family on the loss of your Mother! You and your family are in my my thoughts and prayers!

May God comfort you during this difficult time!

Mary Bannon

Mary Bannon - June 02, 2021 at 03:26 PM

JM

“ Our deepest condolences to the Langenderfer Family. Joe and Therese, we are thinking of you at this time and wish we could be there to offer support.

Dorothy not only chased chipmunks and cats out of her yard, sometimes it was unruly early twenty somethings!!! She was always there to offer food or drink, and to sit down and rest a while. She always made sure Gary had a stash of Bob Evans sausage to take back home to Canada and of course, some famous Tony Packos pickles.

We will miss her! Others before self, service to the community and always there to greet you with open arms. Her legacy lives on in her children and grandchildren, who exemplify the meaning of true spirit and giving, just like Aunt Dorothy.

Jackie McAllister - June 02, 2021 at 01:06 PM



So sweet!!! Thanks again, Jackie and Gary.

Joe Langenderfer - June 02, 2021 at 03:10 PM

LO

“ Our Deepest Sympathies to the entire Family! Peace and Love!
Lisa Oliver and Family

Lisa Oliver - June 02, 2021 at 01:01 PM



Thank you again, Lisa.

Joe Langenderfer - June 02, 2021 at 03:09 PM

TA

“ *Therese, Joe and Sally and all of Dorothy's family. Please know of my deepest sympathy. Dorothy was always a gentle, kind woman to everyone she dealt with at the Catholic Center. She was very competent and had a calming presence about her. I am sure she will be greatly missed but what a wonderful life she lived. My condolences, Terrie Albert*

Teresa Albert - June 02, 2021 at 11:12 AM



*Thank you for your kindness. Warmest regards,
Joe Langenderfer*

Joe Langenderfer - June 02, 2021 at 12:20 PM

CS

“ *I worked with Dorothy for several years at the Diocese of Toledo. Dorothy was the most kind hearted and generous person. We also had some great times when Kathy Kania and I would be treated to ice cream cones Dorothy brought us from McDonald's and on occasion great doughnuts. I last saw her shopping at Costco.*

May your wonderful memories of Dorothy be your comfort!

Connie A Spychalski - June 02, 2021 at 09:37 AM



*Thank you for sharing your kind memories. Warmest regards,
Joe Langenderfer*

Joe Langenderfer - June 02, 2021 at 12:21 PM

CS

“ *Connie A Spychalski lit a candle in memory of Dorothy J. Langenderfer*



Connie A Spychalski - June 02, 2021 at 09:28 AM



Thanks very much.

Joe Langenderfer - June 02, 2021 at 12:22 PM

LP

My sincere sympathy to Dorothy's family. We were classmates together at CCHS, the 1950 class. May she rest in peace.

Lucille (Oravec) Pattay

Lucille Pattay - June 04, 2021 at 12:54 AM