



Dorothy J. Whelihan

November 29, 1929 - August 17, 2019

Dorothy Jean Whelihan, age 89, of Fillion, passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2019 surrounded by her family.

She was born on November 29, 1929 in Pigeon, daughter of the late Norman and Tillie (Weinman) Miller. She married James T. Whelihan on June 26, 1948. He preceded her in death on August 10, 2006. Dorothy loved to cook, garden and bird watch.

She is survived by: 2 daughters-Patricia (Robert) Schenk of Bad Axe.

Brenda (Darrell) Mayle of Saginaw.

1 Son-Michael John Whelihan of Ubly.

1 brother-Donald Miller of Corona, CA.

1 sister-Norma Sackett of Casa Grande, AZ.

6 grandchildren-Shannon (Josh) Torres, Aaron Schenk and friend Shannon Aogle, Ryan (Laura) Schenk, Dustin Tice, Courtney Tice and friend Josh Logan, and Jennifer Whelihan.

4 great grandchildren-Alex Tice-Logan , Hayleigh Baker-Tice, Mason Logan, and Sophie Logan.

Predeceased by: 3 brothers-Jack, Orie, and Robert Miller.

4 sisters-Beatrice, Daisy, Beulah, and Eva.

1 great grandson-Cayden Schenk.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 11 am. at St. Hubert Parish-St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. Burial will be in St. Felix Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 from

2-8 pm. at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Thursday at the church
from 10 am. until the service time at 11 am.

If you wish to share memories, please visit www.Kaufmanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Felix Cemetery

3515 Limerick Rd.
Kinde, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Hubert Parish-St. Joseph Catholic Church
3455 Rapson Rd.
Rapson, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy J. Whelihan*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM

JW

“ She made a dent in the universe, something we strive for in this life. Now after the dust has settled a bit, I’m remembering my Grandmother who loved. She loved like we love our families and she did something really special with me. We grew a friendship together. She listened, she heard, she participated. We think our actions have to be “doings” in life to make a difference and while this may be true, you can also make a difference by getting to know someone truly. I reflect on this as I reflect on her. Her purpose made it through to this generation of women. Her work, in a supportive and loving way, gave me additional motivation to work hard. I admired her. Our conversations centered around happenings, trends, politics, what I do for a living and what I do for my social sanity. We talked about workplace improvements, education, health, political empowerment, gender gaps, pay equity and more. She gave me advice, she cheered me on, and most importantly I was a reflection showing her how this mattered. How her generation of women mattered. She was proud of me and happy for me. She would say “keep doing it, but don’t overwork.” Her presence in my life and her love made it possible for me, her granddaughter, to do the things she felt passionately about. Not many might know some of these things about her, but I knew by getting to know her in this way. We shared more than a sign, both being Sagittarius, we shared a bond to mean more, to do more, to matter to each other by getting to know one another through our friendship and harmonious relationship. Different but in synch. My Grandmother was a feminist. She believed in women’s equal rights. She believed in women empowerment movements, and just the right to do what you want to do and not be told how to be.

She was intelligent. She was strong and fierce. She made me think and realize again and again that family matters. That’s the impact she had. Today is Women’s Equality Day and my Grandmother Dorothy Whelihan would be proud to celebrate the 99th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. She would have been 90 years old this year. Imagine the things she saw and experienced or couldn’t because of society’s

limitations. Today I remember my Grandmother who just recently passed but will carry a legacy and torch in my heart for what we need to keep doing for the continual improvement of our generations. She got to see it and experience it and so can we.

*Love,
Jennifer Whelihan (Granddaughter)*



Jennifer Whelihan - August 26, 2019 at 10:18 PM

SH

I love reading this again, honoring her memory 1 year missing from our lives 💕😭

shannon - August 14, 2020 at 03:35 AM

JB

“ *What a beautiful angel god has chosen.
We were friends with both Pat and Brenda and our sincere thoughts and prayers are with your families.
Judy Rockwell (Lemanski),
Janet Brown (Lemanski)*

Janet Brown - August 23, 2019 at 04:43 AM

JL

“ *Sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was a neighbor that lived down from my Farm House. My mom really enjoyed some conversations between herself and yours.*

Judy (Holdwick) Leppek - August 21, 2019 at 07:22 PM

DK

“ Sorry for your loss ...she was a good neighbor and great lady
Leppek Family

Diane Leppek Kish - August 21, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Dorothy J. Whelihan.



August 20, 2019 at 11:21 AM

WT

“ Whelihan Family - Texas purchased the Lovely O
ne Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dorothy
J. Whelihan.



Whelihan Family - Texas - August 19, 2019 at 10:21 AM

KN

“ Fondest memories are when we would travel
to Michigan for family reunions at uncle Jim
and Aunt Dorothy's farm. She would ask what
our favorite pie was, and when we arrived
there would be a warm pie waiting for us.
Mine was cherry, mom's was rhubarb, there was also lemon
meringue, blackberry. Her pies were the best. You are now reunited
with uncle Jim. Rest in peace.



Karen Whelihan (niece) - August 19, 2019 at 08:53 AM