



## Dorothy M. Wratcher

February 4, 2021

On Thursday, February 4, 2021, Dorothy M. Wratcher (Jakovac), 89, of Monroeville, PA., passed peacefully after battling COVID. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert R. Wratcher, her sister, Jean J. Dapra, her daughter-in-law, Lori Wratcher, and her parents, Jack and Ann Jakovac. Dorothy is survived by her children, Marcia A. Wratcher of Wilkins Twp., PA., Robert J. Wratcher (Cynthia) of Monroeville, PA., and Thomas J. Wratcher of Wall, PA., and her beloved grandchildren Robert R. Wratcher (Carrie McAnany) and Lindsay Wratcher Smith (Wilton) who knew her as “Ma Teddy”. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Richard A. Dapra, her sisters-in-law Dorothy A. Wratcher and Dolores Zangrille, her nephews and nieces, and many friends. Dorothy was born and raised in Oakmont, PA. where her parents owned a grocery store. She graduated from Oakmont High School and received her bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Indiana State Teachers College (now IUP). She taught in the Penn Hills School District, Gateway School District, and she retired from North American Martyrs School in Monroeville, PA. Dorothy loved her students and corresponded with many of them throughout the years. It was not unusual for her children to be stopped by a former student who wanted to convey their kind remembrances of her. Dorothy was an excellent cook and baker. She hosted Sunday family dinners and holiday meals for many years until she was no longer able. She loved her hometown of Oakmont, PA., American history, flowers and she was an avid reader sometimes reading a book in one day. Well into her mid-

eighties, she planned regular luncheons for her elementary and high school friends from Oakmont sometimes having 25 people in attendance. Most of all, she enjoyed raising and caring for the family pets which included dogs, guinea pigs, and hamsters. Dorothy instilled in her children the importance of having goals and of always treating people with equality and respect, something that she learned growing up in the grocery store. The Wratsher Family wishes to thank everyone at Concordia of Monroeville, Monroeville # 4 Ambulance Service, and the doctors and staff at Forbes Regional Hospital who cared for her during her illness. At Dorothy's request, there will be no viewing and burial will be private. Donations in her name may be made to: Animal Protectors of Allegheny Valley, 730 Church St., New Kensington, PA. 15068 or Monroeville Public Library, 4000 Gateway Campus Blvd., Monroeville, PA. 15146. Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. OF MONROEVILLE. [www.corlfuneralchapel.com](http://www.corlfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

LB

“*Mrs. Wrat cher was my 5th Grade teacher at North American Martyrs and I remember her fondly. She popped into my mind today and so I looked her up and am sorry my search brought me here. My sympathies to her friends and family. It sounds like she had a wonderful life and a loving family and so I just wanted to include my name on the list of the many lives she touched through her patience, kindness, and if I remember correctly, her sense of humor :)*

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**Laura Butler** - December 20, 2022 at 10:57 PM

CP

“*My prayers to The Wrat cher Family. I was friends with Tom years ago, and Mrs Wrat cher was always so kind when we spoke. I always enjoyed her stories of growing up in Oakmont and the store.*

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**Charlene Pollitt** - February 08, 2021 at 02:12 PM

ML

“*Mrs. Wrat cher was one of my favorite teachers. When I got to junior high, my honors English teacher commented on how well trained in English and grammar the North American Martyrs kids were. I know I drove her crazy, but she was always supportive and kind. Prayers for Mrs. Wrat cher and her family.*

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**Mike Lynch** - February 08, 2021 at 10:18 AM

MH

“ *Marcia, Robert and Tom, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. No time on earth is long enough to share with those we love or to prepare our hearts for good-bye...My sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you now. May GOD in his tender mercy lighten the burdens of your sadness and sorrow and console your grieving hearts. Thinking of you and hoping you will find comfort in special memories. Monica Wetzler Howard*



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**Monica W Howard** - February 08, 2021 at 09:26 AM

CM

“ *We are so deeply saddened of the passing of Little Dorothy. We shall forever hold in our hearts the many stories of your childhood adventures you had with our father Willy. Dorothy always would tell us how they may have been born cousins but grew up like brother and sister. We will miss our visits, phone calls, and many letters in which all would always leave us with a chuckle and smile upon our faces. We will keep you in our hearts and memories. Little Dorothy, you will be forever missed. Heaven is having a glorious gathering. Our condolences and prayers to the Wratcher family. ~ The Martincic Family (Dan, Jack, Jeff & Cindy)*



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**Cindy McGinnis/Martincic** - February 07, 2021 at 11:47 AM

MS

*To Bad the World 🌍 doesn't have Many More Kind and Loving Teachers and Human Beings like Dorothy! Condolences to her Familia and Numerous Friends! Rest Well with Our Lord in Heaven 🌸🌸🌸 cause that's where you Truly are!*

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**Manuela Santos** - February 08, 2021 at 12:15 PM

RS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. My mom Nancy, before her passing in May, was a resident of Concordia with Dorothy. Dorothy was so kind to my mom. They sat at the same table at meals. She always watched out for my mom. She would be sure she got what she needed, and would always tell me if my mom seemed to be having any issue that she felt I needed to be aware of. She never missed a birthday or holiday without sending a card to my mom! I still have all of them, along with a hankie that she gave to her! I will treasure it. I also volunteered at Concordia and would have lovely conversations with Dorothy and always was sure she got from her room to any activity she wanted to participate in or outside to enjoy the air. I sent her a Christmas Card, and hope she was able to enjoy it. I wanted her to know how I appreciated everything she always did and that she was a treasure to me and my mom that we would never forget. I will keep her and you, her family, in my prayers.*

*Roseanne Shak*

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**ROSEANNE SHAK** - February 07, 2021 at 11:32 AM

SS

“ Dorothy was wonderful person I did her hair for over 20 years , we had a lot of good times while doing her hair we talked about everything, I visited her a number of times at Concordia and it was like old times, when I couldn't visit her because of the virus we would talk on the phone, I will miss her a great deal she was more a friend!! Then a client Steve



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**steve smola** - February 07, 2021 at 11:10 AM

LF

“ Mrs. Wratsher was a lovely lady. Scott and I send our deepest condolences to all the Wratsher family .  
Requiescat in pace 🙏



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**Lisa Feyes** - February 06, 2021 at 09:27 AM