

Gleffe, Dorothy Ellen

Dorothy Ellen Roberts Gleffe passed away peacefully under the full moon Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007. Dottie was born in Elkton on March 26, 1925.

She graduated from the Wayne State University College of Nursing and helped serve her country during World War II as a nurse at our national military bases. Dottie and her husband, Robert, raised four children all of whom survive her. She was a loving and wonderful mother who enjoyed baking, golfing, boating and held a special place in her heart for her many dogs. Dottie always lit up a room with her quick wit and great sense of humor. She embraced both living and giving and was always willing to volunteer when needed.

Both Dottie and Robert, until permanently moving back to Michigan, would volunteer each week at the local hospital in Bradenton, Fla. The hospital valued both her nursing skill and ability to empathize with patients. They raised their children in Saginaw and later spent summers in Grayling. Dottie was a regular at the Saginaw YMCA excelling at racquetball and was an outstanding golfer at the Grayling Country Club.

She is survived by her loving children Barbara Jo (Michael) Giulioli, Dr. Robert F. (Nancy) Gleffe, Beverly June (Patrick) Thompson and Bonnie Jean (Paul) Karas; her grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews; and her special friend, Bob Minshuff.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert; her father, Joseph Roberts; and her mother, Caroline (Lena) Ziegler Roberts; sister, Marian; and brother, Bud. A private service is being planned for the immediate family.

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