

# Remembrance

## Dorothy Joan Alff, 86

Dec. 22, 1932 - Aug. 10, 2019

**AVOCA** – Dorothy Joan Alff was born on December 22, 1932, on a farm by Neola to John and Marian Osborn. Dorothy was baptized and confirmed at the English Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended first grade in Shelby until March 1 when they moved to Avoca. She finished first grade in Avoca and graduated from Avoca High School in 1950. She worked as a secretary with the Brandes & True Insurance office until she got married.



Dorothy met her husband, Lester Alff, at a dance in Avoca. However, marriage was not to be until Lester was able to rent some farmland. They were then married at the English Lutheran Church in Avoca. Two children were born to this union: Marcia and Douglas.

Dorothy was the first woman in the neighborhood to farm beside her husband. She had her own tractor and equipment. Also, for a few years there was no running water or any other conveniences in the house. It was so exciting to get water and a bathroom in that old farm house that she eventually lived in for 52 years, before she and her husband built a new home in Avoca. The other convenience she was to get was an automatic washer. Mr. Glen Braden, who owned a shop in Walnut, came out to say he had a good used washer and he wanted Dorothy to have it as he knew no other woman that deserved it more at that time.

Dorothy's mother requested she and Lester build a house in 2001 big enough to entertain her four children and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren every Christmas and that is what they did.

Dorothy passed away on Saturday, August 10, 2019 attaining the age of 86 years, seven months and 19 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lester; parents John and Marian Osborn; brother Jack Osborn; sister-in-law Lois Osborn; brother-in-law Frank Jones.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Dr. Marcia Alff of Sun City West, AZ; son Douglas (Eileen) Alff of Walnut; granddaughters Tina (Jeremy) Fincher and Tonya (Jeff) Feekes; five great-grandchildren; sisters Darlene Jones of Atlantic; Jane (Lynn) Hansen of Anita; many nieces and nephews; other family and many friends.

A 10:30 AM funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Eric Meissner officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Alexandria Cartier, Zander Fincher, Katelyn Monday, Gavin Feekes and Noah Feekes. Mitch Osborn, Curtis Osborn, Frank Jones, Michael Jones, Terry Nieman and John Clayton served as active casket bearers. Interment was held at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca was in charge of arrangements.

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