



Dolores J. Fergus

February 9, 1931 - August 21, 2023

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RACINE-Dolores Jean (nee: Stump) Fergus, 92, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Monday, August 21, 2023, at the Aurora Zilber Family Hospice.

She was born on February 9, 1931, to Jack and Margaret (nee: Husvar) Stump in Chicago, IL. and spent her childhood years in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dolores was united in marriage to the love of her life, William Lewis Fergus on October 4, 1951, at First Methodist Church in Kenosha, WI. They raised their four children in Racine, where she was also employed for many years as the head secretary at McKinley elementary school. Dolores and Bill enjoyed an active life as devoted parents, grandparents, and traveling in retirement.

Pursuing a dream of higher education, when her children were grown she received her BA at Mount Mary and an MBA at Alverno College where she also taught after graduation. She worked in human resources for the Racine Journal Times and was the human resources manager for Target before retirement.

Dolores had a zest and enthusiasm for life that was contagious. She loved her family more than anything and was grateful for all her friendships. She was a

member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, an avid reader and shopper, enjoyed the Red Hatters, many bridge clubs, weekly water aerobics at the Y, Packer Parties, watching sports, nightly card games and a glass of wine with friends and family. She loved people and engaging in conversations about anything from politics to sports.

Dolores is survived by her children, Scott Charles (Sandra) Fergus, Jeffrey Lynn Fergus, Lisa Ann (Greg) Heal; daughter-in-law, Martha Keller; grandsons, Liam, Greg, John, William, Thomas, James, William, and Thomas. She is further survived by special in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband William on April 5, 2003; son, William Lewis Fergus Jr; sisters, Dorothy Zierk and Margaret Lehman.

Dolores's family would like to extend a very special thank you to the kindness she received throughout her journey from family, friends, along with staff at Home Harbor in Racine and the Aurora Zilber Family Hospice in Wauwatosa.

A memorial service for Dolores will be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 6th St. in Racine on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. with Pastor Mark Doidge and Pastor Laura Fladten officiating. Visitation from 3:00 p.m. until time of service. Dinner reception to be held at 5:00 p.m. A private interment will be at West Lawn Memorial Park.

Memorials in honor of Dolores is suggested by family to the food pantry at Holy Communion Lutheran Church or the Aurora Zilber Family Hospice in Wauwatosa.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Celebration of Life Service

OCT 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dolores J. Fergus*



Sturino Funeral Home - October 17, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dolores J. Fergus.*



October 18, 2023 at 05:37 PM

MF

“ I was introduced to the following concept: To remember someone, think of one memory to keep in your memory locket about the person who has passed on.

The 7 years prior to COVID, Dolores and I had lunch together and played the card game Bridge two or three times a month. In my memory locket I have placed Dolores' reaction when she and I made game: a big smile, laughter, and a high five. She enjoyed a good hand of Bridge.

Sadly, COVID stopped the Bridge games and our monthly times together. We stayed in contact with the occasional phone call these past 3 years. Every time when we talked she said would usually make the following comments: 'I miss our Bridge games.', 'No, I need nothing. I am well taken care of.', 'All is going well with the family.' 'I know I am loved.'

Dolores lived a full life. Of this she was thankful. Rest in peace Dolores.

Thoughts and prayers to the Fergus Family from,

Dolores' son William Fergus Jr (death March 8, 2008), Martha Keller Fergus, Grandsons William III and Thomas Arthur, Great-grandson Ryan Mako Fergus.

Martha Keller Fergus - October 17, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - October 17, 2023 at 05:42 PM

LG

“ My deepest sympathies to the Fergus ohana on the passing of Dolores. Her son Bill and I were classmates at Lutheran High. We were so sad when he passed way too early. What a grand reunion Dolores had in heaven. God's peace and comfort. My dad passed July 12 of this year, and Sturino Funeral Home also handled his arrangements.

Linda Groth - October 15, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dolores J. Fergus.



October 12, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dolores J. Fergus.

October 12, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear about Dolores passing. I used to take her grocery shopping & deliver her groceries. She was such a thoughtful. & caring person. I will be praying for your family during this difficult time.

Jenni from MyRIDE Senior Transportation

Jenni Chap - August 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ I worked with Delores at the Elmwood Plaza Penneys many years ago she was a delight to call a friend. My sympathies to tp the family.

Hazel A Dickfoss - August 27, 2023 at 10:31 AM