

Doris Beuter

July 9, 1922 - October 20, 2011



Doris's Life Story

Blessed with the gift of hospitality, Doris Beuter lived her life to love and serve those around her. She enjoyed many things throughout her life, yet there was nothing more near and dear to her heart than her family and friends. With the love of her life by her side for more than 70 years, Doris embraced each moment she was given while creating a brilliant tapestry of memories with those she held dear. Although life will never be the same without Doris here, we will be forever grateful for having been touched by such an extraordinary woman.

Daily life in America during the early twenties was vibrant and rich in advancements that forever changed the cultural fabric of our nation. This decade marked the end of the silent film era when prohibition was the law of the land, which in turn paved the way for speakeasies and bootleg liquor in cities all across our great land. Jazz music was hot while ballroom dancing was the latest craze and since people were looking to celebrate these prosperous times, America was alive and kicking like never before. As the heat of the summer began to creep in during July of 1922, a young couple from Detroit, Michigan, was eagerly anticipating the birth of their baby. Their wait was over on July 9th of that year when the baby girl they named Doris Grayce made her way into their hearts and home. She was one of three children born to her parents, Milton R. and Bessie (Summerville) Underwood, and was raised in Detroit alongside her brother, Milton Jr., and her sister, Thelma. The Underwood family was not unlike many families of the generation as Doris's father was rather stern while her mother was fun-loving and energetic. The family belonged to Turners, a social club in Detroit, during the forties and fifties. As a young girl Doris was quite the swimmer who





swam competitively and even swam the Detroit River. She attended local schools all the way through high school.

Life was forever changed for Doris when she met the man who would change the course of her life forever. His name was Robert Beuter and after falling in love, they married on January 25, 1941, in Ohio. Together they were blessed with four children, Richard, Robert, Chuck, and Judy, and they were the light of Doris's life.

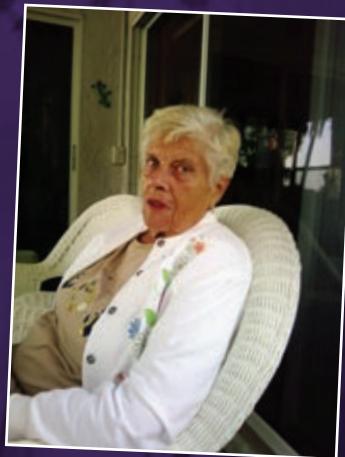
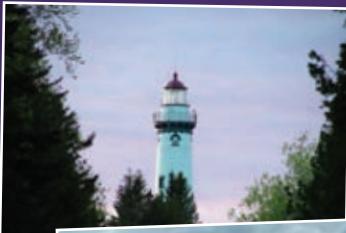
A vital part of Doris's life was the Presque Isle Lodge, a little piece of heaven located directly across from Grand Lake. The best part of the lodge was that she shared this unique experience with her family. Her parents ran the operation from the time she was born and in 1947, they purchased it for themselves. Doris came alongside her mother in the day to day operation with the cooking and cleaning in addition to doing everything she could to ensure that everyone who came had a great time. Many of their family and friends came to spend the summer through the years. When her parents died, Doris then purchased the business and continued to keep it up and running seamlessly. Their children and their families, friends, and extended family continued to enjoy gathering at the lodge during the summer. Many of the friends and family who were once guests of the lodge went on to purchase their own property that allowed them to continue to enjoy the beauty of Grand Lake.

Retirement provided Doris and Robert with more time for doing the things they really loved. Some of her favorites included soaking up the sunshine, heading out for pontoon rides, and

family get togethers. Doris was overjoyed to become a grandmother, and she viewed the day that each one of her 11 grandchildren were born as some of the greatest days of her life. The gatherings with their whole family were always some of the experiences she held closest to her heart. The winter months found Doris and her husband in Florida for many years where they shared a condo with their daughter Judy and her family.

There were so many things that made Doris such a remarkable woman who was dearly loved. She was a casual woman who





preferred a simple lifestyle and never liked to fuss and muss when it came to her appearance. Doris loved being barefoot in her Florida type, flowing, summer outfits, however, those who knew Doris knew that she always had to have her "lipstick" on. She was fun to be around and had a sense of humor that kept those around her laughing.

With a life that spanned times of war and times of peace, times of plenty and times of want, Doris Beuter took each moment captive and made it her own. She worked hard, yet she took the time to enjoy life along the way and was always happiest when her family was near. With her gentle spirit and endless acts of kindness, Doris made a significant impact in the lives of all those within her reach. She will be deeply missed and warmly remembered.

Doris Grayce Beuter of Presque Isle died Thursday, October 20, 2011. Doris's family includes her loving husband, Robert; four children, Richard (Bonnie) Beuter, Robert (Sandy) BeuterJr., of Presque Isle, MI, Chuck (Judy) Beuter of Davisburg, MI, and Judy Davis (Gary Nowak) of Lake Worth, FL; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Doris was preceded in death by her sister, Thelma J. McGoldrick, and brother, Milton R. Underwood, Jr. Doris Beuter is at McWilliams Funeral Home - Alpena where friends may call on Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Presque Isle Community Chapel from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12:00 noon with Rev. Robert Case officiating. Interment will be at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the American Heart Association. Please visit Doris's personal web page at www.lifestorynet.com where you may share a memory with her family or sign the on-line guest book.



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