



## Dorothy L. Pilz

January 31, 1925 - March 7, 2013

Dateline: Godfrey

Dorothy Pilz, 88, entered eternal life at 4:00 a.m. on March 7, 2013, at Provision Living in Godfrey. Dorothy was born on January 31, 1925 in Alton to William and Clara (Feddersen) Wilken. She married Gerhard Pilz on August 29, 1948 in Alton. They shared nearly 50 years of marriage before he passed away on August 28, 1998. Dorothy worked at Illinois Bell Telephone Co. as a secretary until her children were born. She later worked as a secretary at Trinity Lutheran Church and Garfield School in the Alton School District. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Thelma Siebert. Surviving is a son, David Pilz of Placerville, CA, and a daughter, Cathy Massey and husband Randy of Godfrey. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Douglas Hughey and wife Jenny of Overland, MO, Lisa Monroe and husband Jon of Bethalto, and David Massey and wife Erin of Godfrey; and three great grandchildren, Olivia Monroe, Lillian Monroe, and Laura Hughey. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Alton until it closed in 2012 at which time she joined Resurrection Lutheran Church in Godfrey. Dorothy had a strong faith and devotion to God. Her compassionate and caring ways will always be remembered by the many lives she touched. She will be greatly missed in this life, but we look forward to our reunion in Heaven. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2013 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Godfrey. Reverend Kenneth Tegtmeier will officiate. Burial will be at Upper

Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Resurrection Lutheran Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy L. Pilz

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Dorothy L. Pilz

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Cathy,

*I have such wonderful memories of your mother. She was such a kind person.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Martha*

Martha Waggoner Bell - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *What an amazing person. I have so many wonderful memories. Sleepovers at Grandma's, reading favorite books together, ping pong, after school with snacks of cheese balls and ice cream, tacos for lunch in high school, family dinners, Christmas Eve at Trinity Lutheran, baking Christmas cookies, Easter egg hunts, Mother's Day lunch at the Old Post Office Mall, "As they say", you telling me how proud of me you are. I couldn't have asked for a better Grandma, and I am truly blessed to have had you in my life. I look forward to sitting down to a nice family dinner with you again one day.*

Douglas Hughey - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ David & Cathy - It has been many, many years since I moved from Alton, but my memories of all the people at Trinity will always be with me. Your grandparents, William and Clara Wilken (my S. S. teachers) were great Christian witnesses, and your mother certainly followed in their footsteps, serving the Lord in many ways. Praying God will comfort you in your sorrow.

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**Maybelle Warner Osburn** - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I cannot even begin to tell you (the family of Dot) just how much she meant to me over the years. What a sweet, kind, loving person she was. She helped me through so many heartaches and treated me like I was one of her own. Even after I was no longer working at the church, she and Vera Landis would call me up and take me to lunch for my birthday or for Christmas. My heart breaks for your loss for I know how much she loved her family and how proud of you all she was. I got to hear lots of Doug, Lisa and David stories over the years. She will be missed - praying for you all. What a precious soul heaven now has in this wonderful lady.

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**Diane Walker** - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ You are such a beautiful soul, Dorothy Pilz. You touched so many lives with your sweet and gentle ways. You were always so kind, considerate and loving towards others. You always put God and family first in your life and lived your life according to the Scriptures. I'll always remember your beautiful smile and laugh. I am so honored and blessed to have known you my whole life and called you my second mom!  
Love Eternal,  
Barb

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**Barb Smith** - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM