



## Dorothy M. Groom

September 3, 1938 - July 6, 2024

Dorothy Groom, 85, of Aurora, IL passed away Saturday, July 6, 2024 at her home. She was born September 3, 1938 in Aurora, Illinois.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She is survived by her eleven children, Phillip (Renaë) Groom, Meg Groom, Kevin (Kelly) Groom, Jeffrey Groom, Chris (Alvida) Groom, Peter (Mary Beth) Groom, Matthew (Nadire) Groom, Sarah Groom, Patrick Groom, Paul (Amanda) Groom, Anne (Kevin Borgia) Groom; a daughter-in-law, Kim Groom; twenty four grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Groom; her parents, Walter and Marguerite (Raymond) Bumpus; two children, Mary Pazzol and Joseph Groom; two sisters, Marjorie Testin and Nancy Karp.

Memorial visitation will be held Friday, July 12, 2024 from 9:30 AM until 12:00 PM at St. Mary Church 432 East Downer Place Aurora, Illinois.

A memorial mass will be offered Friday, July 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM at St. Mary Church; Fr. Antoni Kretowicz will officiate. Inurnment will be private.

Arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Dorothy's family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Dorothy's name may be made to

Marmion Academy; the Animal Welfare League or the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

JUL 12. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Church  
430 East Downer Place  
Aurora, IL 60505  
1-630-892-0480

### Memorial Mass

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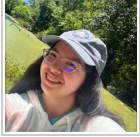
# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Groom was so sweet. We have lived in the neighborhood for 40+ years. Recently when my littlest grandson was mentioned in an article in the Beacon News because of his heart condition and needing nurses, she let me have the newspaper. She was so giving. She always would wave and greet us as we walked by. We were gone to Alaska when she passed away, so only recently learning of her passing. May the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) be with you as you mourn. Keep ever before you the hope of the resurrection. With deepest condolences, Refugio and Connie Rizo*

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**Connie Rizo** - September 15, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ Dorothy will always hold a special place in my heart for all she has done for me growing up. She would get so upset at me for coming over every time it snowed a lot so I could shovel her driveway and then get upset if I didn't accept payment. She figured out she can give me snacks though! I was really little when I first met her. I learned she was an amazing painter and loved Disney. She introduced me to Cane's (she loved going there for chicken fingers! She didn't appreciate me refusing to try to coleslaw), Dairy Queen (she used to take Enzel there for pup cups! They would memorize her car just to get him one), and Pancake house (the staff loved her. They would come by and chat with us while we ate. She introduced me to chocolate chip pancakes). She let me come to her house every day afterschool to chat, run with Enzel, Lucy, and Sadie... we would play solitaire too! She had so much patience while teaching me. One time she gifted my family and I a bucket of caramel popcorn. None of us had had it before so the color made us think it was fake and that it was decorative popcorn. Until she asked us how it was and I realized... well shoot! I realized that day that caramel popcorn is the best ever.



I remember when she first met Mister the cat. Jim and her insisted he was probably dumped because he was so friendly and kept begging to go inside. After a couple months Dorothy managed to talk Jim into letting her take in another animal! She was always so stubborn when it came to animals. She inspired me so much. When she invited me in to chat and watch while she organized her mail she had ranted about how animal shelters keep sending her cards asking for her to donate. In the cards they would send her quarters, dimes, pennies... claiming that just one quarter can save a horses life. She would tell me “I don't understand why they keep sending me this! They could have saved so many horses with these quarters”.

During the summer she would randomly call me and ask for mine and my friends help to help groom the dogs. One time we came by every day to clean her place of all the dirt, fur and stuff in her

*kitchen. I took so much convincing for her to finally let us help. She was always so independent! I miss her.*

*Growing up she was my best friend. She probably didn't know it but she made a big influence in my life. She was so determined, stubborn and selfless when it came to helping others. Especially when it came to animals! Even when she wasn't feeling well she made sure the bird bath had water and the bird feeders were stocked up. Even now I still see all the little critters coming to her place for a treat. The day I left for bootcamp she gave me a big hug to see me off. She mailed to me while I was in there struggling. She didn't have to but she took time out of her day to help someone who wasn't related to her. She built me up to be who I am now even if she didn't realize it.*

*Her laugh and smile were so infectious.*

*May she rest well knowing she was loved and cherished by many. My condolences to her family. Just know she was such an amazing and kindhearted woman.*

*(I think she would be proud of me when she realizes I finally brought myself to try the coleslaw at Cane's. She was right. It was actually pretty good!)*

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**Daniela Lazcano** - August 07, 2024 at 03:00 AM

ML

“ Rest in Peace Aunt Dorothy 🥹

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**Maureen M Linville** - August 01, 2024 at 11:44 AM

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“ A donation was made to the Fox Valley Animal Welfare League in honor of Dorothy M. Groom.

We are so sorry to hear of your loss and our hearts go out to your family.

From all we have heard, we know that Dorothy was a amazing woman.

May you all find the comfort and peace that you need.

Love,

Christa & Scott Elhenicky - TCP



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**Christa** - July 12, 2024 at 06:49 PM

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“ My condolences to the Groom family. May all your beautiful memories comfort your family through this time. I remember seeing Dorothy when we would come to Sunday brunch. Dorothy always had the biggest beautiful smile. Rest in peace Dorothy. Dianne Carmody



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**Dianne** - July 12, 2024 at 04:04 PM

DS

“ Pete and Kim - I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy.  
Margo

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**Dr. Margo Schmitt** - July 12, 2024 at 11:04 AM

KH

“ I'm not able to convey in words just how much my heart is breaking for all of the family now.  
I'm blessed to have known Dorothy and was able to be a part of the family for a short time and know that she was a beautiful mother who loved all her children.  
I pray that you are able to not forget the best moments with her and are able to feel that love now.  
Sincerely  
Kevin J Hartlerode

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Kevin J Hartlerode - July 12, 2024 at 06:35 AM

CF

“ Our sympathies to the Groom family.  
Hoping happy memories are a comfort to you.  
We love you Sarah.  
cheryl & liz

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Cheryl Angelaccio And Liz Fraser - July 11, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Groom.



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July 11, 2024 at 04:09 PM

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“ The Bakala Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy M. Groom.

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The Bakala Family - July 11, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Groom.*



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July 11, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *TaKeshia Glover planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy M. Groom.*

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**TaKeshia Glover** - July 11, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *I always knew she was a good woman, who loved God. She taught me about Catholicism.*



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**Laurie** - July 10, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Groom.*



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July 10, 2024 at 02:42 PM

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“ Matthew Butlett and Carle Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy M. Groom.

Matthew Butlett and Carle Family - July 10, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Groom.



July 10, 2024 at 09:24 AM

FF

“ From the Casanova family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy M. Groom.



From the Casanova family - July 09, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Groom.



July 09, 2024 at 12:12 PM

VP

“ Vito and Diane Pesce purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dorothy M. Groom.



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Vito and Diane Pesce - July 09, 2024 at 10:13 AM

VP

“ Vito and Diane Pesce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy M. Groom.

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Vito and Diane Pesce - July 09, 2024 at 10:13 AM

NS

“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. - Noemi Sanchez



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Noemi Sanchez - July 09, 2024 at 09:48 AM

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“ William hartwick purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothy M. Groom.



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William hartwick - July 09, 2024 at 09:31 AM

DH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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Dylan hartwick - July 09, 2024 at 09:03 AM