



Doris Ann (Nelson) Lea

February 18, 1933 - November 14, 2020

Doris Ann (Nelson) Lea, age 87 of Cadillac passed away peacefully Saturday morning November 14, 2020 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Doris was born February 18, 1933 to the late Lawrence and Anna (Isberg) Nelson of Cadillac.

Doris graduated from Cadillac High School in 1951 and continued to Central Michigan College. Doris dedicated her life to education, spending 30 years teaching elementary at Cooley, McKinley, Cass, and Forest View Schools. Doris enjoyed golfing, boating, painting, and pottery making. She loved crafting with local art groups and participating in the Cadillac Art Fair which she co-founded over 50 years ago.

She spent winters in Englewood, Florida and summers in Cadillac on Lake Mitchell with her husband of 44 years, David Gordon Lea, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by: Douglas Nelson, Kay (Nelson) Bocks, Sheryl Gusha all of Cadillac, Peter and Marsha Lea of Saginaw, Steven and Jeannie Lea of Mesa Arizona, and Mandy (Elya) and Sue Lovelady of Richland.

Doris was loved by many and will be remembered for her joyful demeanor and

infectious laugh.

In keeping with Doris' wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind or the Missaukee County Humane Society.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ We love you Doris your smile and laugh. You are always in a good mood. Thank you for the paintings in the artwork that you did for us. It's our pleasure to know you for 16 years. We love you Leann and Divi

Dan Hudson - November 20, 2020 at 10:14 PM

DH

“ Always smiling and happy. Always laughing and cheerful. We need more people like you Doris in this world. It was my pleasure to be your neighbor for 16 years and friend. God bless you. DV and I love you

Dan Hudson - November 20, 2020 at 10:13 PM

CF

“ Thankful for the fond memories of pontooning with you and David and the portrait you painted of me as a baby. Love always, Carrie T

Carrie Freeman - November 16, 2020 at 09:55 PM

EM

“ I remember Doris fondly as a kind and patient teacher. Deepest sympathy in your loss.

ELSIE MOORE - November 16, 2020 at 05:08 AM

SP

“ You will be greatly missed! I'll remember all of our art days!

Sue Parker - November 15, 2020 at 04:45 PM

DB

“ God never created a nicer, kinder lady than Doris. Enjoyed many rounds of golf with her and visits at her home. Heaven has gained a special lady.

DANIEL BROOKS - November 15, 2020 at 04:05 PM