



## Florence Marie Crubaugh

May 22, 1933 - March 14, 2020

Dodgeville - Florence Marie (Osthoff) Crubaugh, age 86, of Dodgeville passed away on Saturday, March 14th at Upland Hills Nursing and Rehab Center surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Seneca, Wisconsin on May 22, 1933, the third child and eldest daughter of Elmer and Doris (White) Osthoff. She was a daddy's girl who inherited her father's love for sports. She attended grade school in Mount Horeb and was a 1952 graduate of Dodgeville High School. On July 4, 1952 she married her high school classmate, Michael Crubaugh and they often joked that they got married because they were the only ones left in town. While initial attempts at starting a family proved challenging, after prayers to Saint Gerard, they were rewarded with their first son, David in 1955. Little did they know their prayers would be answered 7 more times (Mark, Brian, Terry, Mary, Joseph, Chris and Sheri).

While Mike was occupied with running the family business at the Quality Bakery, Florence was occupied with being chief bottlewasher, diaper changer and CEO of the Crubaugh household. She truly cherished and mastered this role. For a period of time, Florence operated a daycare out of their residence. She also was owner and operator of a Buster Brown shoe store back in the 1960's. In 1979, she took on another role with the opening of Linens & Accents. She had a successful 35 year run and the store became Dodgeville's go-to spot for gifts and decor and some good visiting time. Florence was a member of the Dodgeville Jaycettes, Dodgeville Kiwanis, a devoted member of the Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce and a key member of the Dodgeville Main Street program.

Florence truly did love all things sports. If you wanted to know what happened on ESPN the night before, you could always just ask Flo. She attended countless Brewer games including spring training games in Arizona. She loved watching all her kids and grandkids games and was once awarded the "Champion Jock Washer" award. She loved to travel and she and Mike had many great trips with favorites including Europe, Alaska, Florida, Las Vegas and their beloved Santa Barbara, California. Even after Mike's death in 2005,

she continued to travel with her children and grandchildren as well as with her dear friend Janice Carey. Florence had another passion which often involved trips to “church” in Dubuque. Her luck with the slot machines was uncanny and her kids often joked that it was her pacemaker that attributed to her frequent wins.

Mike preceded Florence in death in August of 2005. Additionally, she was preceded by her parents, her in-laws LaVerne and Marcella Crubaugh, her siblings, Bob Osthoff, Dick Osthoff, Phyllis Doyle and Sonia Gregersen and her in-laws, Larry Doyle, Norm Gregersen, Charles Horisberger, Dick Holmes and Duane Honerbaum.

She is survived by her children, David (Kris) Crubaugh, Mark Crubaugh, Brian (Julie) Crubaugh, Terry (David) Olson, Mary (Dan) Esch, Joseph (Kim) Crubaugh, Chris (Tori) Crubaugh and Sheri (Jerry) Johnson; her beloved 20 grandkids, Casie, Michael, Brent, Amanda, Courtney, Katie, Josh, Nick, Matty, Michelle, Nate, Mak, Kara, Justin, Tyler, Tommi, Tia, Ben, Leah and Chloe; 23 great grandkids, Emmett, Jackson, Lucas, Lila, Talon, JoJo, Jaden, Josie, Jordyn, Jaxon, Ellie, Kaylee, Molly, Emma, Reilly, Izzy, Bryce, Evan, Alex, Nolan, Keegan, Declan and Ronan; several step-grandkids; her in-laws, Jean Horisberger, Mary Osthoff, Marcia Holmes, John (Jane) Crubaugh and Kathryn Honerbaum.

Florence’s family is forever grateful for the kindness and care provided by Dr. Gordon Grieshaber, the staff at Crestridge Assisted Living, the staff at Upland Hills Health Nursing and Rehab Center and Upland Hills Health Hospice. Special thanks to our dear Mary Murn, Jenny Gorgen and Kara Honerbaum who helped care for her when she was still in her home. We also want to give special thanks to our aunt Kathryn Honerbaum who was again our pillar of strength.

In light of the current issues surrounding social distancing and in an effort to keep all family members and dear friends safe and healthy, Florence’s family is choosing to hold a Celebration of Life for Florence at a later date. Details will be made available later.

Years ago, Florence was the recipient of a civic award for volunteer work she was doing. When asked what gave her the energy to sustain her community work while caring for 8 kids, she said “When you help someone else find happiness, you will find it yourself.” Mom, your kids love you so much and we promise to do our best to continue your shining example.

# Comments

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“ So sorry for your loss of your Mom and Grandma, she was such a wonderful person. Everyone who knew her and your Dad, loved them! She will be missed by many.

Anna Marie and Roger

**Anna Marie Hallada** - March 19 at 01:42 PM



“ Thank you Anna Marie. She was a gem.

**Sheri Johnson** - March 20 at 02:48 PM

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“ While others can share a lifetime of memories, we only came to know Florence near the end of her life. Even then you could see what a remarkable woman she was. The gleam in her eyes and a simple "Hey girl" could light up the room. It was a privilege to know her and her family. The family of Lorraine Drews

**David and Maria Drews** - March 18 at 06:30 PM



“ So sorry we all had to go through this but glad we could do it together with the support of a great family next door. Hugs to all of you. Be sure to get David some chicken sausage gumbo now

**Sheri Johnson** - March 20 at 02:50 PM

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“ Your mom was such an influential person in the lives of so many people! She is going to be dearly missed. I feel blessed to have known both Mike and Flo. Wishing you all peace and love to go with a lifetime of wonderful memories.

**Torre Pustina** - March 17 at 10:06 PM



“ Thank you Torre for always being good to our family

**Sheri Johnson** - March 17 at 10:58 PM

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“ You have our deepest sympathies. Thoughts and prayers go out to all of Florence's family.

Sincerely, Keely and Jeff

**Keely and Jeff** - March 17 at 07:35 PM



“ Thank you both

**Sheri Johnson** - March 17 at 10:59 PM

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“ Florence was such a wonderful woman. I enjoyed getting to know her making FedEx deliveries to Linens & Accents up until the store closed. She always had a way to brighten my day when ever I saw her. She will be missed by many. My deepest condolences to her family. Thought and prayers.

**Justin Schroeder** - March 16 at 07:08 PM



“ Thank you Justin!

**Sheri Johnson** - March 17 at 08:42 AM

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“ I was a classmate and friend of florence and Mike, had many fun times together, sorry I haven't seen her in some time, we were a very close class and all were like family, just so sorry about florence and Mike god bless

**Norma Newman** - March 15 at 11:06 PM



“ Thank you Norma. She spoke of you often.

**Sheri Johnson** - March 16 at 10:13 AM

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“ Loved Florence, her wicked sense of humor, and her smile.  
I have wonderful, fun memories of her.  
She will be missed.  
Lois Montague

Lois Montague - March 15 at 09:19 PM



“ Thank you so much Lois. So glad you got to travel together!  
Sheri Johnson - March 16 at 10:14 AM



“ We send heartfelt sympathy & prayers from Louisiana. My mom (Joan James Adcock) treasured her friendship with Florence & Mike and our family always looked forward to many trips to the bakery and Florence's shop during our visits to Dodgeville! Treasured memories, now! Much love sent from Louisiana!  
Jan Adcock-Adams & The Family of Joan James Adcock

Jan Adams - March 15 at 08:32 PM



“ Thank you so much Jan! She loved your mom and dad.  
Sheri Johnson - March 15 at 11:25 PM



“ Even though she had 8 children of her own she opened her doors to four little African American children and made us feel as though we belonged, I will forever remember her and the mark she placed on my life, love you so much Florence, I know Heavens gates swung open when the angels saw you coming, you will be missed.

Michelle Whitman ( Perkins) - March 15 at 05:33 PM



“ Thank you Michelle. She sure loved you kids.  
Sheri Johnson - March 15 at 07:28 PM



“ Our Grandmother - Toots Woerpel - was your parents' neighbor for many years, with Grandma Osthoff living in a nice trailer in their backyard. The last time your dad saw me visiting Mom and Dad, he yelled out "looking great, Rita" - he was such a precious, sweet man. At Dad's funeral, I still remember your mom's embrace and caring. She was so beautiful inside and out. We watched you all grow up and remember all the activity and love surrounding you in that little backyard. Condolences and prayer.

**Rita Woerpel McCaffrey** - March 15 at 04:47 PM



“ Thank you so much Rita. What sweet thoughts. My husband and I live in the house now with our family and we all loved your mom so much. She had a bit of a soft spot for my husband Jerry

**Sheri Johnson** - March 15 at 07:27 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Florence was a "pillar" of the Dodgeville community for many years and will be remembered for a long time by many.

**Cathy Palzkill** - March 15 at 04:39 PM



“ Thank you so much Cathy.

**Sheri Johnson** - March 16 at 10:17 AM

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“ Dear family so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother she was a great woman I use to a long time ago delivered her wisconsin state journal to her. Rip. Florence

**Gary J Richmond** - March 15 at 01:59 PM



“ Thank you so much Gary.

**Sheri Johnson** - March 16 at 10:18 AM



“ You all have my deepest and loving condolences. Florence was always so cheerful and kind. With eight children she was very organized. I remember the laundry room and all the different cubby holes for each child and for sorting. I was amazed. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Love, Jeanne

**Jeanne Kapotas** - March 17 at 09:58 PM



“ She was also so nice to me. What a wonderful woman she was. Very supportive of athletics. I remember she made all these cool little personalized statues for our 7th-8th grade basketball team at St. Josephs during the 1974-75 season. My sympathy to her very large family.

Rich Buck

**Richard S Buck** - October 17 at 01:57 AM