



## Dorothy Dean Bernath

January 7, 1940 - April 21, 2021

WALDRON– Dorothy Dean (Pearce) Bernath, 81, of Waldron, died early Wednesday morning, April 21, 2021 at The Hospice Center of Northwest Ohio in Toledo. Dorothy was born January 7, 1940, in Southfield Michigan, the daughter of Raymond and Elizabeth (Hughes) Pearce.

Dorothy was raised on a farm in Camden and graduated from Camden-Frontier High School in 1958. She married Dale W. Bernath of Waldron Michigan on November 25, 1959, in her hometown of Camden.

She was a deeply devoted wife and loving mother, who was fastidious and quite a perfectionist. In addition to spending time with her family, Dorothy loved to read, sew, quilt and make needlepoint artwork in her spare time. She enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening and took great interest in the performing arts.

Dorothy also loved to take leisurely roadside day trips with her husband Dale. She and Dale would regularly visit Amish Country towns throughout the tri-state area and frequent her favorite cute country shops with collections of arts and crafts. Dorothy was extremely proud of her children and grandchildren; she just loved to brag about her children and grandchildren to just about anyone, even complete strangers.

In addition to her husband, Dale, she was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Patricia Gillette; and brothers, Mike, Frank, Glen and Victor.

Surviving are a son, Mark (Lucinda) Bernath of West Unity, OH; daughter, Shelly Tengler of Beverly Hills, MI; five grandchildren, Rachel (Matt) Yoder, Lauren (Dan) Hurd, and Grant, Colin and Hunter Tengler; and five great-grandchildren, Jacob, Oliver and Wilbur Yoder, Marigold and Liam Hurd; a sister, Florence (Lyle) Hukill; and a sister-in-law, Donna (Lemieux) Pearce.

Cremation will take place, and due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions, no public services are being planned for at this time.

Interment will be made at a later date in the Waldron Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Wagley Funeral Homes, Adrian Michigan.

Memorial contributions in honor of Dorothy are suggested to The Hospice Center of Northwest Ohio, the Wright-Waldron Fire EMS or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Dean Bernath*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



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**Malinda** - April 30, 2021 at 05:18 PM



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**Malinda** - April 23, 2021 at 04:08 PM



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**Malinda** - April 23, 2021 at 04:07 PM

MA

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Malinda - April 23, 2021 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ Dear Mark and Cindy: I was so very sorry to read of Dorothy (Mark's Mother's) passing. God be with each of you. She was a special woman from what I have read and loved the smile in the photo. Blessings to all of you, Myrna

Myrna Bailey - April 23, 2021 at 03:18 PM

ST

“ Shelly and Mom December 2020 ❤️



Shelly Tengler - April 22, 2021 at 04:29 PM

MA

This is such a cute picture - Thanks Shelly!

Malinda - April 23, 2021 at 03:50 AM

CA

i never met dorothy but i love her daughter shelly and am very sad for her to have lost her mom. no matter your age, losing a parent changes your life. treasure your good memories, shelly.

cathy albery - April 23, 2021 at 04:47 PM

AM

“ Dear Mark, Malinda, and Shelly - my thoughts and prayers are with each of you and your families during this difficult time. The picture above of Aunt Dorothy seems so real that I can almost hear her laughing with joy. I have the warmest memories of her and Uncle Dale.

My love to all of you,  
Anne

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**Anne Reifel Miller** - April 22, 2021 at 03:16 PM

ST

Thank you Annie!

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**Shelly Tengler** - April 22, 2021 at 04:24 PM

DP

Dear Mark, Melinda, and Shelly, I am so sorry to learn of Dena's passing. Never easy to lose a beloved parent. She was a special lady and reminded me a lot of your Grandmother! My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. She is now at peace in heaven with your Dad! Love, Aunt Donna

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**Donna Pearce** - April 22, 2021 at 05:13 PM

ST

Thank you Donna

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**Shelly Tengler** - April 23, 2021 at 07:04 AM

MA

Hi Annie - Sending much love to you and your family. I have vivid memories of all of us gathering every year to celebrate Thanksgiving at G-ma B's. Mom used to get so excited about preparing her dishes. Her and Dad had a lot of fun getting all the ingredients together and making her scalloped oysters, scalloped corn and her date nut bread. Of all the dishes that everyone brought, I do believe Mom's ultimate favorite was G-Ma B's cranberry salad. Those were such great times, I cherish those memories. XOXO, -Malinda

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**Malinda** - April 23, 2021 at 08:38 AM

MA

*Thank You Aunt Donna! Your loving thoughts and prayers are very comforting. God bless you - please stay healthy and strong! All my love to you and your family as well. -Malinda*

**Malinda** - April 23, 2021 at 04:28 PM

MB

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



**Malinda Bernath-Simon** - April 21, 2021 at 07:00 PM

MB

“ I Love You Mom!



*I am not able to find the words to express the distinguished honor and gratitude that I have for my Mother. Mom dedicated her whole being to motherhood. She made extraordinary sacrifices to ensure that us kids would be happy, healthy and have the chance at a future far beyond what she had for herself.*

*Now that I am older, I have a much deeper appreciation for everything she did to inspire and rear me to achieve my dreams. I am exceedingly thankful that she was my Mom, I am so proud of her and all that she accomplished during her life.*

*Thank you Mom for being my Mother, you will be my angel forever and ever.*

*I Love you Mom!*

*Your loving daughter, -Malinda*

*Proverbs 31:28-31*

*Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:*

*“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”*

*Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

*Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the gates.*

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**Malinda Bernath-Simon** - April 21, 2021 at 06:54 PM

HB

*Sending hugs and sympathy to you all ❤️ We're very sorry for the loss of your Mom 😞*

**Heather Bunce** - April 22, 2021 at 06:10 PM

MA

*Hi Heather - Much love to you and your dear ones as well. Thank you!!*

**Malinda** - April 23, 2021 at 08:43 AM

JS

*A beautiful girl in our class of 1958. Together we sure had the good times in school. Janet Grimm Stinson*

**Janet S Stinson** - April 24, 2021 at 12:17 PM