



## Dorothy E. Wakefield

December 18, 1927 - March 7, 2020

Dorothy Elizabeth Wakefield passed away at the age of 92, on March 7, 2020, spending more than sixty of those years living an active life in Adrian, MI. As a young girl she enjoyed farm life in Elkton Michigan, unaware of the depression going on around her, yet recalling the numerous “farm hands” who came and went to help her father with chores, joining the family for meals. She continued this generosity throughout her life.

After World War II, when Ray returned from the Navy, they married and began their incredible adventure together, moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan. She attended nursing school at University of Michigan and he, engineering classes. Career opportunities for Ray brought them to Adrian, MI, where Dorothy became Adrian’s “Welcome Wagon” hostess, as well as “Newcomer’s” member while raising five rambunctious kids.

As each child moved into adulthood, she found more time to devote to her community, including the Croswell Opera House, Tau Delta Sorority, where she served as president and earned the Alley Cat Award for outstanding service, Alpha Omega, and P.E.O. She enjoyed a monthly game of Bridge with the same ongoing group for 50 years.

Her volunteer work at Bixby Hospital was a true passion. For 57 years she served in a variety of positions and on the Auxiliary Board as president. At 87-

years-old she could still be seen in the hospital corridors, transporting patients in wheelchairs to be discharged.

Dorothy believed that every child is important and valued. One unique way she demonstrated this was by baking a special birthday cake for each child who lived on Maurice Spear Campus. She also volunteered for the “Healthy Moms, Happy Babies” program, Adrian Community Nursery, and supported the Adrian Library.

During their years together, Dorothy and Ray visited every state in the United States and enjoyed multiple cruises, including an extended trip around the world. They were members of Devil’s Lake Yacht Club and the First Presbyterian Church, where Dorothy played in the Hand Bell Choir.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Gary (Lauri) of Clarkston, Mich, Laurie Reed of Eugene, Oregon, and daughter-in-law Joan Wakefield of Adrian, Mich. Grandchildren: Bryan (Brittany) Vogel, Eric (Kirsten) Vogel, Nathan Wakefield, Drew (Patrick) Soderborg, Jennifer (Brian) Payne, Ross (Lindsay) Wakefield, John Wakefield and Grant Wakefield. Great grandchildren: Jake, Vaughn, Eric, Daniel, Liam, Elliot, Oliver, Addison, Charlotte, Camdyn and Henrik.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, daughter Vicki Vogel, son Ron Wakefield, brother Don Southworth, and sister Doris Leipprandt.

A memorial service for Dorothy will be held on Monday, August 3, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian. A reception will immediately follow in the funeral home’s Heritage Room. Following the Governor’s executive order, all attendees are required to wear a proper face covering, with the exception of those under the age of five years old or those who cannot medically tolerate. For those unable to be present, a live streaming

of the service will be accessible from Dorothy's tribute wall on [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com), where a link to view the recording will be available for 90 days.

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

Those wishing to make a contribution in her memory should consider the Salvation Army, First Presbyterian Church, and Hospice of Lenawee.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Reception

AUG 3 (ET)

The Heritage Room at Wagley Funeral Home  
1501 West Maumee Street  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy E. Wakefield*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - July 28, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dorothy E. Wakefield*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *The exceptional service prepared by loving children and grandchildren was a stunning tribute to Dorothy. She would have loved it! Thank you family!*



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**Mary Vallad** - August 03, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ *What a lovely service for Dorothy. Thank you for letting us attend by live stream. Dorothy is truly missed.*

*Fondly,  
April Amo*

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**April Amo** - August 03, 2020 at 01:52 PM

JB

“ Please accept my condolences over the loss of your lovely mother. Joan Wakefield was, if I recall, in my sister Laura Hunt's high school class, and I'm sure our mothers' lives crossed paths many times over the years (Healthy Moms, Happy Babies, etc.) I happened to see Dorothy's obituary only because our mother Nancy Hunt just passed away, as well. So we are now members of the very sad club. Love and blessings to you all. May your mother rest in peace after a full life of joy and love.

Fondly,  
Jane (Hunt)

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**Jane Bloom** - August 02, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy E. Wakefield.



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August 02, 2020 at 10:44 AM

FS

“ From the family of Bette and Don Southworth purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy E. Wakefield.



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**From the family of Bette and Don Southworth** - July 30, 2020  
at 12:10 PM



“ 57 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - July 27, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ 17 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - July 25, 2020 at 03:34 PM



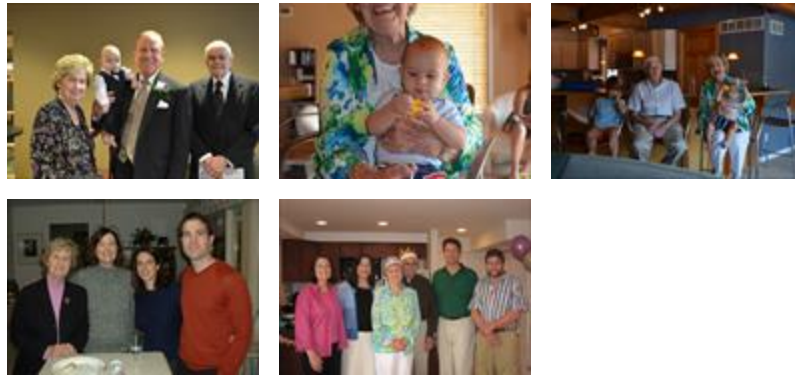
“ *My father, Wayne Knechtel, residing in the Thumb of Michigan, sends his condolences. He was a classmate of Dorothy, graduating Elkton High School 1945. He and Dorothy maintained a phone friendship during their senior years. We both are sorry to discover her passing. Heartfelt sympathy. Janice Parker.*

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**Janice Parker** - June 17, 2020 at 07:38 PM

BV

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Bryan Vogel - March 29, 2020 at 08:16 AM

BV

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Bryan Vogel - March 28, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eric Vogel - March 25, 2020 at 09:28 AM

JP

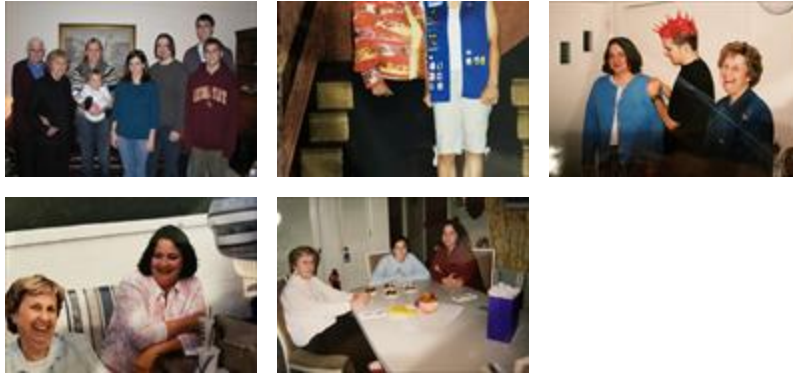
“ Grandma’s grand dogs Sunny and Sydney, she loved hearing about them!



jen payne - March 10, 2020 at 12:57 PM

DS

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Drew Soderborg - March 10, 2020 at 08:48 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Drew Soderborg - March 10, 2020 at 08:47 AM

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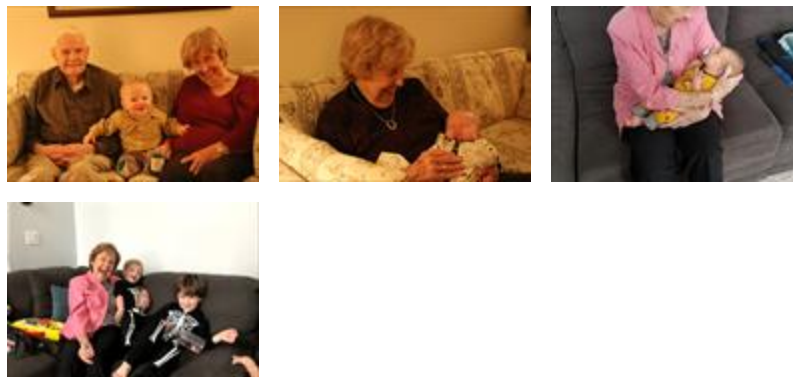
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Drew Soderborg - March 10, 2020 at 08:46 AM

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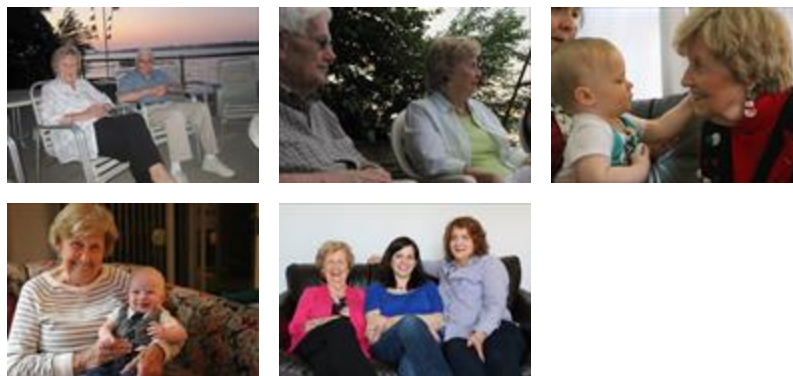
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Drew Soderborg - March 10, 2020 at 08:45 AM

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Drew Soderborg - March 10, 2020 at 08:43 AM

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Drew Soderborg - March 10, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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Drew Soderborg - March 10, 2020 at 08:40 AM



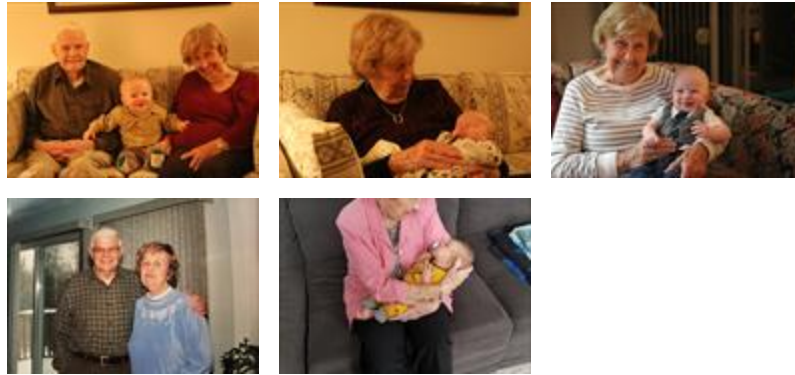
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Eric Vogel - March 09, 2020 at 10:46 PM

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“ Dorothy was an incredible woman who led an amazing life. She gave so much to her family and her community. It is an honor to be her grand-daughter!

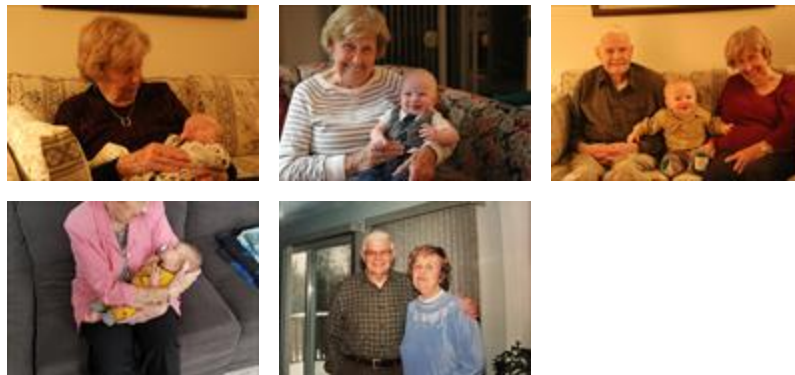


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Drew Soderborg - March 09, 2020 at 08:34 PM

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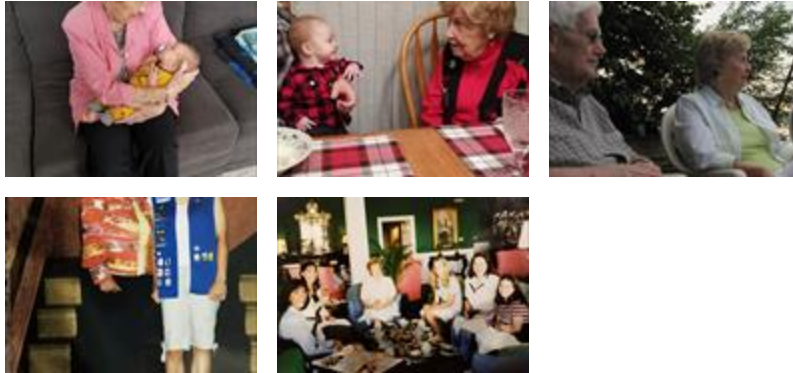


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Drew Soderborg - March 09, 2020 at 08:19 PM

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Drew Soderborg - March 09, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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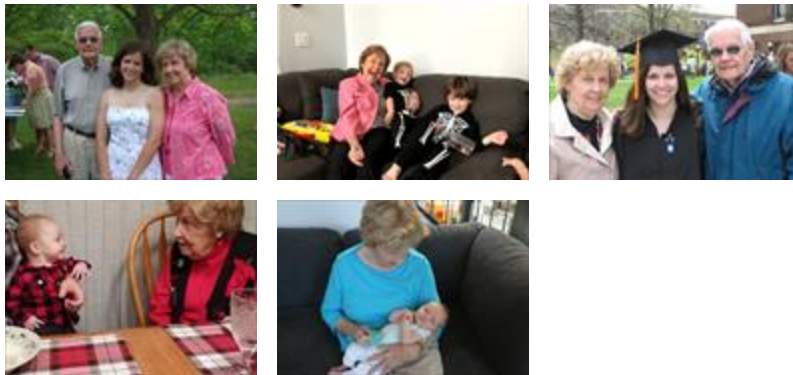
“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Drew Soderborg - March 09, 2020 at 05:44 PM

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“ 26 files added to the tribute wall



Drew Soderborg - March 09, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



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**Eric Vogel** - March 09, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ 23 files added to the tribute wall



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**jen payne** - March 09, 2020 at 10:46 AM

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“ 25 files added to the tribute wall



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**Drew Soderborg** - March 09, 2020 at 09:58 AM



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**Eric Vogel** - March 09, 2020 at 09:55 AM



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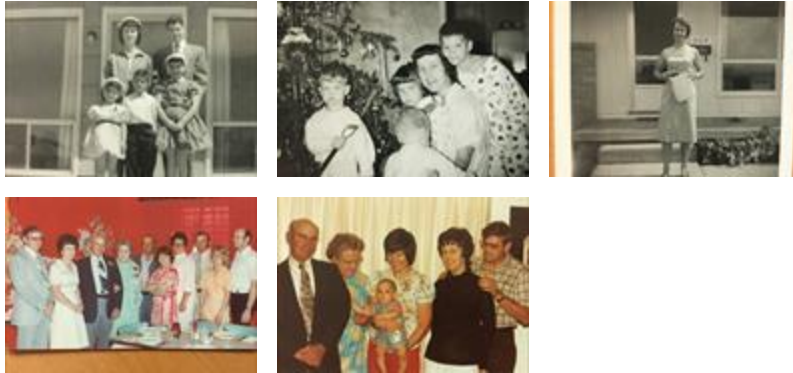


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**Eric Vogel** - March 09, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Laurie Reed - March 08, 2020 at 10:58 PM

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jen payne - March 08, 2020 at 10:05 PM

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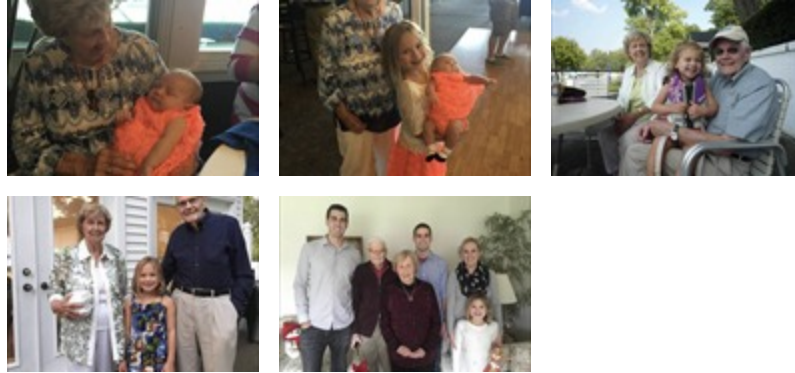
“ December 1981 Eric, Grandma, and Jennifer



jen payne - March 08, 2020 at 09:30 PM

JP

“ *Grandma was an amazingly strong and smart woman. She was a wonderful Grandma and Great Grandma.* ❤️



jen payne - March 08, 2020 at 09:28 PM

DS

“ *Dorothy and great-grandson Oliver. December 2019*



Drew Soderborg - March 08, 2020 at 08:53 PM

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“ *Dorothy and her great-grandsons Liam and Elliott. October 2019*



Drew Soderborg - March 08, 2020 at 08:52 PM

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“ Dorothy with grand-daughter Drew and daughter-in-law Joan. April 2019



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Drew Soderborg - March 08, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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“ Dorothy meeting great-grandson Oliver. October 2019



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Drew Soderborg - March 08, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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“ Dorothy meeting great-grandson Elliott. September 2017



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Drew Soderborg - March 08, 2020 at 08:44 PM

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“ Dorothy and great-grandson Liam. December 2016



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**Drew Soderborg** - March 08, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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“ Dorothy and great-grandson Liam. Easter 2016



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**Drew Soderborg** - March 08, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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“ Dorothy meeting great-grandson Liam. January 2016



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**Drew Soderborg** - March 08, 2020 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Ray and Dorothy at Devil's Lake Yacht Club. August 2014*



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**Drew Soderborg** - March 08, 2020 at 08:40 PM

RO

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Ross** - March 08, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Ross** - March 08, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ross - March 08, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ross - March 08, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



jen payne - March 08, 2020 at 06:46 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Ross** - March 08, 2020 at 06:42 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Ross** - March 08, 2020 at 06:33 PM