



## Dorothea M. Lorbeer

March 9, 1923 - July 8, 2022

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked at a store that she and George came to shop. She wanted my professional advice on any over the counter items they might need, and if I was busy, she was willing to wait. I was flattered that she chose me to advise them because she seemed to be particular about her choices. She was very witty, as her nephew said, and she took good care of George during his illness. She came by less after he passed away, but I am not surprised she lived to be 99. I saw her name here and I wanted to comment. RIP Dorothea.

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**Debbie Burkland** - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am John Sytsma, nephew of Dorothy. I have talked with her the past 15 years off & on. I always remember her sense of humor. She had a distinct way of writing with her satire, metaphors. sarcasm & I loved to read her letters.

When I was young, she lived in the same town as me in Evergreen Park, IL. I recall going to "Aqua Pool" with Tommy & I also remember Christmas times where she would arrive on Christmas Eve with all sorts of gifts in a large pillow case. Dorothy would attend our little League games and we would get from her a hot dog or candy if we got a hit or just played a good game. Later on, when I was married, she visited with George my family in McHenry, IL. George and Dorothy taught my wife & I how to play Bridge and talked about golfing in their spare time. George & her moved to California and I received a copy of George's Science book which was edited by Dorothy. She was a very intelligent woman. She spoke highly of George and always ended her emails with "George is always a part OF me; he is never apart FROM me." The best way to know her is through her thoughts & prayers which I have included in an email she sent me. (See below email)

Howdy nephew, father, son, grandpa-At first glance me thinks you do look a bit like your mother, and she was a beautiful gal. This home in Washington was constructed indeed with the idea of the strong possibility of a couple of octogenarians living in it, and design-wise, grandson Ryan did a great job. We have ramps, grab bars, wide hallways and doorways--- which accommodate walkers, wheel chairs, and a large power chair. The bathrooms even provide enough space for a big power chair to pull up to the commode and deposit the occupant right on the "seat of action." It takes a big biteWut of your bucks, but hey, ain't that what we worked and saved for-at least, in part?

You do have a good-looking family. I suppose the gentleman with the tall blond and the three youngsters is Scott and family??? I did

*locate Levi and Angie readily, and I suppose the one pretty lady I did not recognize is Julie. I have never seen a picture of her. I was hoping to meet her when and if she ever traveled out this-a-way. You are still a good looking guy, John, and you remain in good shape-and I mean not fat or belly-burdened. Kyle is a handsome cut of man, and I hope I don't offend him, but, I think any gal that would let him get away is living in a fool's paradise. Maybe she has become a part of the politically cool crowd mentality which believes: "I am the axis on which the world turns"--"I am pretty and strong and free and I can do what I want when I want." Sometimes God has plans that differ from ours, and while we don't understand them at times, if we submit to Him with trust and patience, He comes up with an answer to our prayers in a far better way than we could have have imagined. Is Mike anywhere on the pics? Did I miss him? I shall scrub my trifocals and gaze again. Some day, I hope to master the art of sending pics through cyberspace and when that happens you will be treated to a rogues gallery from the Great Northwest. I'll give you ample warning so that you can double the insurance on your computer equipment.*

*It was good to hear from you and I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a New Year of happiness, success in all your endeavors, and peace.*

*God's love and ours, Uncle George and Aunt Dorothy (aka, Dottie). George is always a part OF me; he is never apart FROM me. P.S. A well-known writer of credibility is a strong advocate for each of us to spend our time and emotional strength with persons who help us to become the best version of ourselves. If this is not happening-move on and ask God for guidance. I believe that Uncle George and I looked and found that quality in each other and that we both grew in emotional and spiritual strength, in love and respect for each other-and-in God. Amen*

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**John Sytsma** - August 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I'm Dorothy's niece, Julie. I was able to visit Dorothy's a few years back while travelling for work. Let me tell you, Dorothy was an incredibly witty and hilarious lady. I just loved sitting down and talking with her. I hadn't told Dorothy that I was going to visit, so I called her up from Oregon and asked if I could drive up and say hi. It was about 8pm and she was so excited and she yelled out "put on some slacks, my niece is coming over!" It was adorable. When I got there, she had layed out cookies and chocolates for me. I loved it. What a beautiful soul. Love you, Aunt Dorothy! ❤️

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**Julie Sytsma** - August 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ John Sytsma lit a candle in memory of Dorothea M. Lorbeer



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**John Sytsma** - August 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Dorothea M. Lorbeer** - August 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM