



## Doreen Polking

August 24, 1923 - February 26, 2014

Doreen Polking, 90, of Breda, died Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at SunnyBrook Assisted Living in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The celebrant will be Fr. Gary Snyder. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard Choir. Lectors will be Krista Christensen, Jill Tiefenthaler, and Jennifer Maystadt. Gift Bearers will be Doreen's great-grandchildren. Eucharistic minister will be Doreen's daughter, Sandy Gannon. Honorary casketbearers will be Gina Tiefenthaler, Jill Tiefenthaler, Jennifer Maystadt, Jon Tiefenthaler, Tara Meier, Sonya Frickenstein, Krista Christensen, Laura Jackovin, Rachel Gannon, and Jessica Gannon. Casketbearers will be Bryce Christensen, Tom Jackovin, Nolan Semrau, Aaron Leib, Kevin Rask, and Tom Maystadt. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda after 4:30 p.m. on Friday where there will be a Rosary at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or church to be directed to the family for beautification of the Breda Park.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda, and online condolences may be left for the family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on August 24, 1923, Doreen Louise was the daughter of William and Mary (Heisterkamp) Poen. She attended St. Bernard School in Breda. On November 24, 1942, Doreen was united in marriage to Raymond Polking at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. She was a devoted homemaker, wife, mother, and grandmother. In her later years Doreen worked at Twilight Acres Nursing Home where she was a member of the dietary staff. Doreen lived and raised her family by a quote from Mother Teresa, "A joyful heart is the normal result of a heartwarming love." Doreen represented this in her love to her children and grandchildren. She never gave up and always forgave, and gave second, third, and fourth chances. She always dealt many a pass. Doreen enjoyed playing cards-belonging to thirteen card clubs, sports, especially Hawkeye, Cyclone, and Creighton athletics. She was a member of the National Order of Women Foresters, St. Bernard's Ladies Guild, and St. Bernard's Parish.

Left to celebrate Doreen's life are her children: Marlene (Alan) Tiefenthaler of Breda, Tom (Karen) Polking of West Des Moines, and Sandy (Dennis) Gannon of Iowa City. Grandchildren: Gina Tiefenthaler, Jill Tiefenthaler (Kevin Rask), Jennifer (Tom) Maystadt, Jon (Alyssa) Tiefenthaler, Tara (Glen) Meier, Sonya (Matt) Frickenstein, Krista (Bryce) Christensen, Laura (Tom) Jackovin, Rachel Gannon (Nolan Semrau), and Jessica Gannon (Aaron Leib); 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Willa Mae Pick of Carroll and Verma Jean (Ken) Pick of Kiron.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Ray in 2001.

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ Hi, We are in Florida and just heard about Doreen. She was a special lady, always a smile, and always fun. She was like a sister to Maxine. We know you have many special memories to help you thru this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob & Janice Huisenga

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**Bob & Janice Huisenga** - March 14, 2014 at 02:35 PM

MW

“ Denny, Sandy, Rachel, an Jessica -

*I have so many wonderful childhood memories with Grandma Doreen!! She is one very special lady that I was blessed to know. She was like a second Grandma to the Gaffey kids. Such a wonderful lady. She will be missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!*

*With love, Matt, Heather, and Lauren Walker*

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**Matt and Heather Walker** - March 01, 2014 at 05:15 AM

PL

“ Our sympathy to the Polking family,  
Marlene I was so surprised to read of your mother's death in tonight's Carroll paper. She was such a nice lady and I am glad that I got to know her when you would bring her into the office for an appointment. Again our sympathy. . .  
Sincerely, Pat and Tom Louis

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**Pat and Tom Louis** - February 28, 2014 at 07:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doreen Polking.*



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February 28, 2014 at 05:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Doreen Polking.*



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February 27, 2014 at 10:37 PM



“ *We join the family and friends of Doreen Polking in saying "Farewell" to a beautiful life. Although hearts are heavy, beloved and cherished memories will bring comfort and peace to Doreen's loved ones. (The attached photo is from Rachel and Nolan's September 2008 wedding. Doreen is seated with Nolan's grandmother, Bernice Semrau.) With our sympathy, Norm, Elaine, and Alan Semrau*



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**Norm Semrau** - February 27, 2014 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doreen Polking.*



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February 27, 2014 at 02:23 PM



“ *Norman, Elaine, and Alan Semrau purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Doreen Polking.*



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**Norman, Elaine, and Alan Semrau** - February 27, 2014 at 01:54 PM



“ *To the entire Polking family,  
I will always remember your Mother's great smile and laugh. It was so much fun to take her along to some of my son Tommy's basketball games. She so enjoyed going to them and of course we had to stop to eat supper first! Just saw your Mom this past week, when she was in Breda with a group of ladies for lunch. She is a beautiful angel that God has taken to be with Him. Cherish your memories as I will mine of your Mom.*

*Diane Lucas*

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**Diane Lucas** - February 26, 2014 at 04:38 PM