



Dorothea Louise (Kaatz) Brox

July 2, 1932 - December 5, 2018

DRACUT, MA -- Dorothea Louise (Kaatz) Brox died peacefully on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at her home in Dracut, surrounded by her loving family, at the age of 86. Born July 2, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY, the oldest of four children to the late Harry R. Kaatz and the late Evelyn S. (O'Brien) Kaatz. She was a graduate of Searles High School in Methuen, MA. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Raymond Brox, her children Eric Brox (Debra), Nancy Brox, William Brox (Julie), Peter Brox and grandchildren Georgia Brox and Sophia Brox.

Dotty's life was distinguished by her devotion to family life and her passion for the outdoors. She met her husband at a Lawrencian Ski Club meeting and they married in 1953. The first years of their marriage were spent on the slopes of the Kenwood Ski Tow in Dracut, MA and Snow's Mountain in Waterville Valley, NH where Ray operated both ski areas. They raised their family in Dracut and founded the Hickory Hill Golf Course in Methuen in 1968. In the early days of the golf course, just as she did with the ski areas, Dotty worked behind the scenes in many aspects of the growing business. Fifty years later, Hickory Hill continues to be family-run.

An avid skier and tennis player, weekends were spent with family and friends in Waterville Valley, NH where she was a member of the Black & Blue Trail Smashers. She played tennis competitively, loved the team camaraderie and made lifetime friends. In her later years, she moved to Sun Valley, Idaho to enjoy her outdoor pursuits.

Whether she was hiking in the Alps, the Himalayas, or biking in Europe, Dotty brought her family along for the ride. Her zest for life was matched only by her broad smile and boundless energy. It was a badge of honor if one could keep pace with her on any given day.

Dotty shared her love of theater, the cinema and photography with all her loved ones. She especially enjoyed working in the folk arts of reverse-glass painting and tole painting. Her home was adorned with many of her works, all of which are treasured by her family.

She is survived by her sister Harriett Previte, brother William (Lucille) Kaatz, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Evelyn L. Tomkiewicz, her grandchildren Raymond Richard Brox and Zoe Nancy Brox, brothers-in-law Dr. Zygmunt Tomkiewicz, Albert S. Previte, and 11 brothers- and sisters-in-law from the Brox family.

Visitation for Dotty will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 4-8 PM at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 11 AM. Inurnment to follow at Richardson Cemetery in Dracut. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Dotty's memory to the Dracut High School Golf Team, c/o Care of the Superintendent's Office, 2063 Lakeview Ave, Dracut, MA 01826. To leave an online condolence please visit <http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com>. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is proud to serve the Brox family.

Events

DEC **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home
233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

DEC **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I just found out about Raymond and when I read the obituary. I realized Dottie passed. I am so sorry for your loss. Dot was a wonderful women. I enjoyed seeing her at the golf course. To Eric and wife Bill and Julie and girls and Peter and Nancy I send my condolences. Sincerely Linda Randall

Linda Randall - April 15, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ To Ray and family, we just heard about Dottie. Have missed skiing with her on the trails of Sun Valley. We always enjoyed her company so much and will miss her. Pat Garrett and Dave MacKenzie

Patricia Garrett - January 05, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ Ray, though it's been many years since I've seen you, I always think of you and your wonderful family at this time of year; we began this century listening to music and watching fireworks from your lovely Sun Valley home. The Brox generosity was in full force that evening as always. I was so sorry to hear about Dottie. My heart goes out to you and the family at this time of loss. It will be my honor to send a donation in her name to the golf team...Marty Carnevale

Marty Carnevale - December 26, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ Ray and family, so sorry for your loss. Great memories will remain, like playing tennis and getting sent all our the court chasing the well placed shots, with the ever present smile and tenderness.

Mark Virello - December 12, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ Deepest Sorrow to hear about your Mom. She was a wonderful person and I have very fond memories of her. You are all in my prayers.

Patty Reeves

Patty Reeves - December 12, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ So sorry Ray & family to learn of Dottie's passing. Enjoyed so many happy hours of tennis and skiing. our thoughts and prayers will celebrate the memory of smiles that came with good runs and great shots staying inside the lines. May she RIP
joanne and bob hatem,

bob hatem - December 11, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ Ray & Family I am so sorry to hear about my good friend. I have
So many good memories with Dottie playing tennis Skiing with her at her home in Waterville Dancing with her in Sarasota Golfing and the list goes on!
She was so much fun to be with , we truly had a lot of good times with all our Friends
I will miss her beautiful smile and special way of making everyone happy
My thoughts & Prayers are with you all during this difficult time
Sandy Therrien
Sarasota,Florida

Sandy Therrien Friend - December 11, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ Eric and Family:

Sad to read of your Mom's passing. Small world for my wife grew-up in Methuen across the street from Dorothy, and played they together.

I meet your Mom a few times and such a dynamic person..

Our thoughts and prayers are with you through these difficult times.

God Bless

Charlie Brox, the milkman's son
Punta Gorda Florida
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Charles A. Brox, Jr. - December 11, 2018 at 10:18 AM