



## Dorothy Elizabeth Toland

January 27, 1919 - March 8, 2019

Dorothy E. Toland, 100, formerly of Benton Harbor died Friday, March 8, 2019 at the Willows Assisted Living in Royalton Township.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 1 PM on Friday, March 15, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Burial will follow in Galien Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives from 11 AM to 1 PM on Friday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be given to Caring Circle (Hospice) or the Grace Lutheran Church. Please share messages, memories or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Dorothy was born on Jan 27, 1919 in Battle Creek to Kyle and Vera (Williamson) Schick. She was a graduate of Benton Harbor High School. Dorothy married her husband, Bruce B. Toland, on Nov 16, 1942 and he preceded her in death in 1990. Together they celebrated 48 years of marriage. She was employed by Michigan Bell and later AT&T for over 35 years before her retirement in the 1970's. She was a member of the AT&T Pioneers Club and was a member of the Mercy Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Dorothy especially enjoyed the family gatherings at her home. Dorothy was a resident at the Willows for the last 8 ½ years and the family like to extend a thank you to her caregivers there. They would also like to give a heartfelt thank you to Anne and Ruthie from the Caring Circle Hospice.

Her family includes her children, Gary (Sue Smith) Toland of Elkhart, IN, Dennis (Sue) Toland of Memphis, TN and Diane (Michael) Phelan of St. Joseph, her 8 grandchildren, Lori (Rob) Thibeault, Sean (Barbara) Phelan, Denise (Patt) Watts, Erin (Ronald) Sargent, Brigid (Randy) Steinhagen, Kara Toland, Ashley Toland and Austin (Taylor) Toland; her 17 great grandchildren and soon to be 18, her 2 nephews, Douglas (Sandy) Schick and Donald (Rosalba) Schick. She was also preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Kyle and June Schick, her daughter-in-law, Lee Toland, her great grandson, Zachary Talley and her “partner in crime” at the Willows, Loretta Phelan.

# Cemetery Details

## Galien Cemetery

Galien, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Services Celebrating Her Life

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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## Burial

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

Galien Cemetery  
Galien, MI



# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always have fond memories of little Dorothy. She was just the cutest thing ever! Whenever she would see me, she would ask "Are you going to play the piano today?" It almost broke my heart when I had to tell her "Not today." Her family is very fortunate to have had her for so long. I am glad that I had the pleasure of knowing her while she was at the Willows. Please know I am praying for you as this must leave a huge void in your lives.

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**Denise, Friend from the Willows** - March 12, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Toland.



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March 11, 2019 at 12:39 PM