



## Dolores A. Van Dresar

February 11, 1937 - July 12, 2020

UTICA – Dolores “Poochie” A. (Yousey) Van Dresar, 83, passed away on July 12, 2020, at Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse.

She was born on February 11, 1937, in Syracuse, the daughter of Robert and Marguerite (Osborne) Yousey. Dolores was a 1955 graduate of RFA. She married Merle J. VanDresar on May 10, 1956. She was employed as a MHTA at Rome Developmental Center, retiring from state service in 1989.

Dolores is survived by 5 of her 6 children, Geraldine (Stu) Gates, Dawn (Douglas) Holmes, Tami (Gary) Dunnigan, Kenneth (Rita) VanDresar, and TeriJo (Michael) Mustard. She was predeceased by her son Keith (Jeanine) with whom she is now joyfully reunited. She also leaves her siblings, Roberta VanDresar, Renise Smith, Donald (Carol) Yousey, Peter (Deb) Yousey and Mary Fleet. She also leaves her sister-by-choice ... Ann Mustard.

She was proud of her 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Poochie had many dear friends who called her “Mom”, especially Wayne (Stephen) Hesler-Mondore whom she loved like a son. Many of these chosen children were HP students whom she transported in her Mom-taxi after sporting events. She also loved her many nieces and nephews.

Poochie’s strength and sense of humor were her greatest attributes. She would take life’s hardships and come out of it with the most brutally honest and humorous spin. She always found a way to laugh through all situations. For example ... her wishes, as expressed to her siblings and children, were to bury her urn upside down so those who didn’t like her could kiss her “ashes”. (Her children are paraphrasing this since she decided to be cremated.) She could talk like a sailor, but shared her motherly love unconditionally.

Due to COVID restrictions, a celebration of her life will be scheduled at a future date. A small private ceremony for the immediate family is planned.

Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Dolores' name may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY 13413, in memory of her son, Keith.

# Comments

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“ My sympathy to the family. She will be missed.  
Marlene Urtz

**Marlene Urtz** - July 20 at 04:45 PM

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“ I remember your Mom always with laughter and a smile.... even with a car load of teenagers! That was her gift she shared with us.

**Denise Van Aernam** - July 16 at 09:01 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the family. May your mom Rest In Peace. God bless, Michele and John Walker

**Michele Soltys Walker** - July 16 at 06:13 AM

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“ I remember Poochie getting after Teri about something and I was there, I went to leave and she goes your next. Lol love you Poochie

**Deborah Ingersoll** - July 15 at 07:37 PM

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“ So sorry to hear Aunt Poochie was a gem. All the great laughs we had years ago. I remember it as if it was yesterday. My deepest condolences to the family.

**Diane Powers** - July 15 at 06:45 PM