



Florence E. Dietrich

November 13, 1928 - January 19, 2017

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“ *Florence E. Dietrich*

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“ Florence E. Dietrich passed away peacefully on the morning of January 19, 2017 at Hospice of the Chesapeake in Pasadena, Maryland. She was 88 years old. Although the world is a much sadder place without her, her family takes great comfort in the knowledge that she can now enjoy everlasting peace and happiness. Her family comforted Florence in her final days on this earth and the wonderful people at Hospice of the Chesapeake ensured that her transition was a loving and peaceful one. She is survived by her two sons, Gary F. Stutzman and Michael S. Kocher, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Anyone who had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Florence would agree that she was an genuinely kind and generous person. Florence spent her entire life helping other people, working for decades in the field of nursing. She cared for patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and at their homes. She was not only a skilled health care provider; she was a caring individual who put the needs of friends, family, and loved ones above her own. Florence was born in Shamokin, Pennsylvania on November 13, 1928 to Harvey Francis Minnier and Mary Ellen Dieter Minnier. At three months of age, Florence's mother passed away and, for the next 14+ years she was shuffled between sisters and relatives who provided minimal care and support for her. She began working in her early teens; cleaning houses in exchange for food and a place to spend the night. She married Francis 'Bud' Stutzman when she was 18 and gave birth to two sons; Gary Francis Stutzman and Kenneth Robert Stutzman. They lived in Llewellyn, Pennsylvania. Her marriage to Bud ended in divorce after approximately 20 years. She remarried in 1968 to Victor Martin Kocher of Palo Alto, Pennsylvania and, at the age of 40, gave birth to a third son, Michael Stephen Kocher. Her second husband passed away from a massive heart attack in December of 1971 and, for the next 18 years she held down multiple jobs while raising her youngest son, Michael, as a single mother. Her second son, Kenneth Robert Stutzman, passed away suddenly in August of 1973 after being diagnosed with Leukemia just two weeks prior. In addition to raising three sons and working in the health care field for most of her adult life, Florence also made it a point to return to

school and received her long-overdue high school diploma in 1988. She had a strong belief and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and attended church on a regular basis right up until her passing. Florence had immense pride in all three of her children, all of which served honorably in the United States Military. Her oldest son, Gary, served multiple tours in Viet Nam with the United States Marines and is a Purple Heart recipient after being wounded a total of three times during his service. Kenneth served in the Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan before being honorably discharged and returning home to work in local law enforcement. Michael served in the Army as an armor crewman and a Spanish linguist. Florence was happily married for a third time to Mr. William Dietrich who passed away in 2003. Florence lived in and around Pottsville, Pennsylvania for most of her later years until 2007 when she moved down to Maryland, close to her son, Michael. She was a resident of Future Care Chesapeake until her passing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Leukemia Foundation in honor of her son, Kenneth Robert Stutzman.

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