



## Dorothy R. Ridgeway

August 17, 1929 - January 1, 2020

Dorothy (Minnie) Ridgeway, 90 years old, passed away on January 1, 2020, at Talbot Hospice in Easton, MD.

She was born in Niagara Falls, NY, the daughter of the late Louis and Dorothy Perniskey Rhodes. She died with her husband of almost 69 years holding her hand. Dot or "Minnie" as she was called by her friends was proud of her Canadian-American Indian heritage. Her father was a full-blooded Mohawk Indian from the six nation Indian Confederation. Her grandmother could only speak Mohawk and never learned to speak English.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas of Wittman, and son, Thomas, III, of Pittsburgh, PA. John of the Poconos and Robert and Cathy of Pittsburgh are the parents of their only grandchild, Louie. She is survived by her sister, Juanita Gerhold, and her husband, Ed, of Pittsburgh; and sister-in-law, Florence Burdett and husband, Les of Claiborne; brother-in-law, Earl and wife Sissy of Alcott, NY; as well as nieces and nephews and cousins.

Whenever she loved something, she loved it with a passion. Her children and especially her grandson, friends, and the many dogs they raised over the many years of marriage. All of their dogs were either on their way to, or they were in the custody of the Humane Society. It was Minnie's wish that upon her death, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Talbot County Humane

Society or Hospice.

Someone once said, "People walk in and out of your life, but only true friends leave a footprint in your heart."

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, with visitation from 1 – 2 p.m. and the service at 2 p.m. at the Tilghman Methodist Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Tilghman United Methodist Church  
5731 Tilghman Island Rd  
Tilghman, MD 21671

## Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy R. Ridgeway*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 08, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Dorothy R. Ridgeway*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dorothy R. Ridgeway*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dorothy R. Ridgeway*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Minnie-Mom will always be remembered as one of the positive uplifting ladies I know. I feel truly blessed to have her as a 2nd mom and now as my guardian angel.*

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**Annie** - January 10, 2020 at 04:56 PM

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“ *Bob Neglio purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy R. Ridgeway.*



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**Bob Neglio** - January 09, 2020 at 08:04 AM

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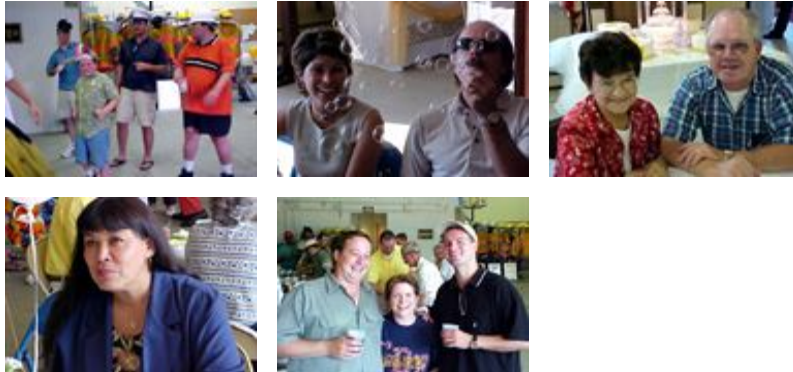
“ *Grandma Ridgeway! Your beautiful smile, your immensely kind heart and your awesome hugs will be missed. Thank you for all the love and encouragement you gave us from day one as we became neighbors. You brightened up the room any time we came to visit. Thank you for the gift of you!!! Love always, Heather, Rich & London*

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**Davis Family** - January 08, 2020 at 12:40 PM



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 08, 2020 at 09:04 AM



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street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself. She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning. Your mother lives inside your laughter. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 07, 2020 at 04:56 PM



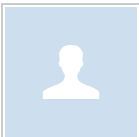
“ *Jim and family, my deepest sympathy to you and your families. Minnie was greatly loved by all. Sending all of you love and prayers.*  
Nancy Lingenfelter

Nancy Lingenfelter - January 04, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *Min was always had a smile on her face and was so full of life. Sincere condolences to Jim and the family.*

Rachel Kurtz Glass - January 04, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy R. Ridgeway.*



January 04, 2020 at 08:36 AM