



## Erna R. Dorn nee Koessel

January 15, 1928 - November 9, 2011

Erna R. Dorn, nee Koessel, 83, recently of Hazel Crest, IL, North Carolina 8 yrs., New Jersey 30 yrs., Chicago 4 yrs., and the Philippines 21 yrs., went home to the Lord, Nov. 9, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 58 yrs., Rev. Dr. Louis Dorn; Children: Margaret (Keith) Dorn White of Flagstaff, AZ, Rev. Peter (Teena) Dorn of Country Club Hills, IL, Martin (Imke) Akkerman-Dorn of Germany, Judith (Jeff) Dorn Mullins of St. Cloud, MN, grandchildren: Kevin, Judy White, Selma, Hendrick, Mira Akkerman-Dorn, Angelica, Aaron Dorn, siblings: Francis (Marge) Koessel of NM, Eugene (Sharon) Koessel of MI, Freda (Dave) Schultz of TX. Mrs. Dorn was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Rudolph and Mrs. Eleonora Koessel. Born in Magnetawan in Ontario, Canada, she was raised in the thumb of Michigan and educated as a teacher at Concordia University where she met her husband. Her first teaching job was at Trinity Lutheran School in Monroe, MI. Shortly after their marriage they went to the Philippines as missionaries for their 21 year honeymoon. She later taught at Faith Academy in the Philippines. The second half of her career was spent in publishing, retiring in 2001 as an editorial assistant having worked for various publishers in New York and New Jersey. In her retirement she was the "hug lady" who was known for handing out hug cards. Visitation will be held on Thur., Nov. 17th, 3:00-9:00 p.m. at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 183rd St., Tinley Park, IL and from 10:00 am until the time of Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4247 W. 183rd Street Country Club Hills, IL 60478 on Fri. Nov. 18th. Interment

following at the St. John's Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Lutheran Charity or Church of your choice. To sign guestbook or for info visit [heartlandmemorial.com](http://heartlandmemorial.com) or call 708-444-2266.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Memorial Center (183rd just off Harlem Ave)

7151 183rd St

Tinley Park, IL 60477

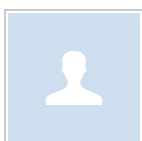
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# Tribute Wall



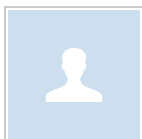
“ *Judy,  
I'm so sad to hear of your mother's passing. It's a tough thing to go through. I will be praying that the Lord will comfort you, your dad, and your siblings.  
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“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. A donation has been made to Lutheran World Hunger through the Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, MN in Erna R. Dorn's name.###imported-begin###Faculty and Staff of the English Department at St. Cloud State University###imported-end##*

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“ *God of us all, your love never ends. When all else fails, you still are God.*  
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*I have so many special memories of Thanksgiving dinners in Dumont, NJ. Turkey and games, talk and stuffing, food and family. Thank you for hosting them, Aunt Erna & Uncle Louie! I pray that I may share the joy and love of life and of our Savior with others the way that you have shared them with me. My prayers are with you all.###imported-begin###Lori Federwitz Feiler###imported-end##*

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“ Dear Louie -- I hold you close to my heart today. It has been a privilege to know you and your beloved Erna. I take joy that she has moved on to our Heavenly Father and that her passage was peaceful##imported-begin##cindy##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of Erna's death. We know that she is smiling and happy to be with her Lord. We also know that you and your family will miss her greatly. We pray for God's peace and comfort for you. You are in our hearts and prayers. Your friendship and support have been a blessing to us and we think of you fondly! God keep you all in His tender care!##imported-begin##Don and Marilyn Sandmann##imported-end##

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