



Dorothy M Bau

October 23, 1943 - April 22, 2026

Dorothy Margaret (Houdek) Bau, 82, passed away on April 22, 2026 at her daughter's home surrounded by her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dorothy was born October 23, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois to George and Marie (Renner) Houdek who preceded her in death. She grew up in North Judson from age 3, played clarinet in band and graduated from North Judson High School in 1961. She went on to graduate from Gary Methodist nursing school where she earned her registered nurse license. She married her high school sweetheart Daniel Paul Bau on November 30, 1963. Premature son Daniel preceded her in death on April 22, 1964. Surviving children include: Daughter Pam Bau (Steve), son Paul Bau (Sue), and daughter Susan Renz (David). She was Grandma to her grandchildren and GG to her great grandchildren. Dorothy worked for over 30 years as an RN in the maternity ward at Starke Memorial Hospital, worked in home health care, and was instrumental in transitioning the county's immunization records to the state-wide computer system. She supported her husband in Jaycees and political endeavors, was a founder of the North Judson Mint Festival, served for many years on the hospital and library boards, and was a member of the Mint Julips extension club. Dorothy especially enjoyed family tradition, decorating her house like a winter wonderland at Christmas time and hosting holidays. Dorothy was creative, an avid reader, crocheted, painted ceramics, sewed and quilted. All who have known her would agree that she was by far the BEST COOK EVER!

There will be a Gathering of Family & Friends from 1-3 PM CT Saturday, April 25, 2026 at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc., North Judson, Indiana.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.
302 Lane Street
North Judson, IN 46366
(574) 896-2149

Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothy, will be missed by the Schacht family. There has been many times our two family had gotten together, for vacations and just fun times together. She will be missed, and are thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Always in her memories, Patty "Schacht" Ream



Patty Ream - April 25 at 07:06 PM

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“ Paul &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy M Bau.

Paul &. - April 25 at 01:44 PM

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“ Bob & Patti Kutkiewicz lit a candle in memory of Dorothy M Bau



Bob & Patti Kutkiewicz - April 25 at 08:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy M Bau.



April 24 at 08:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy M Bau.

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“ Love, David and Joan Houdek purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy M Bau.



Love, David and Joan Houdek - April 24 at 06:59 PM



“ I'll see ya later my friend. ❤️

Paula Banks - April 24 at 06:28 AM