



Dorothy C. Naumann

May 11, 2026

Dorothy Loretta (Cortright) Naumann, 97, formerly of Audrey Drive, North Syracuse, passed away on Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Eastern Star Home in Oriskany. Born in Oswego, NY, the eldest of the ten children of the late Raymond and Dorothy (Finch) Cortright, she was also predeceased by her daughter, Karen Wright; grandsons, Scott Wright and Nicholas Naumann; her siblings, Donald, Raymond, Walter, Preston, Paul, and Lucille; and her husband of 73 years, Harold Peter Naumann, Jr.

After graduating from Nottingham High School, Dorothy worked for Travelers Insurance Company, where she met her husband. After marriage, she remained at home to raise four children. Later, for about 20 years, she was a Weight Watchers Counselor where she loved the people in her classes. She closed each class with, "Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me, hold my hand, and be my friend."

Dorothy loved to read, to knit and crochet. She enjoyed her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and all children. She was a kind, understanding, and patient woman who could have a conversation with anyone, any time, and anywhere. She will be sorely missed by her family and all who knew her.

Surviving are her siblings, Nancy, Jane (Tony), and Richard (Sue); children, Harold Bruce (Claudia Wickwire) Naumann, Susan E. (Joseph) Valentino, and Donald R. (Sharon) Naumann; grandchildren, Eric (Tracey) Naumann, Wen (Lyndsay) Matthews Naumann, Joseph Valentino, III, Vincent (Erica) Valentino, Benjamin (Kaitlin) Naumann, Jacob (Alaina) Naumann, and

Christian (Joanne) Naumann; 19 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A sincere thank you is extended to the OES Home staff for their care and compassion, and for the love they shared with Dorothy.

The family will greet friends and family from 10 am to 12 noon prior to services on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. Burial will be in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Donations may be made, in lieu of flowers to the Foundation for Upstate, Golisano Children's Hospital, 750 East Adams Street, CAB 326, Syracuse, New York 13210-9943.

Cemetery Details

North Syracuse Cemetery

555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 26. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorothy C. Naumann.*



May 20 at 06:05 PM



“ *My sympathies to your family for the loss of your mom. I remember her as always having a smile. I bet the rest of the Roxboro Band parents' gang is happy to see her! Prayers to you all! Lori Gilbert Pallone*

Lori Pallone - May 18 at 10:38 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy in hearing of the loss of your mother/grandmother. She was always a lovely, kind woman. Missy Gilbert*

Marylou Gilbert - May 18 at 05:50 AM