



## Dorothy Elizabeth Packard

April 5, 1924 - February 25, 2013

Albany-Dorothy E. "Doris" Packard passed away 'on the wings of a prayer' surrounded in love Monday afternoon, February 25, 2013 at the Teresian House. Doris was the daughter of the late William O'Brien and Zita Feary. Born in Watervliet, she lived there briefly before moving to Albany with her family.

Doris was a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy in Albany. Upon graduation, she became employed at the Buffalo/Syracuse Office of Western Union. A year later, Doris transferred to their office in Washington, D.C.. Doris loved the Cherry Blossoms in Washington, and she would invite her mom to share in that experience. Upon leaving Western Union, Doris began a 32 year career with the N.Y. Telephone Company. She was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Shortly after her retirement, the love of her life, husband, and soul mate Andy, was seriously injured in a work related accident. Heartbroken, and yet with great love, strength, and insight, Doris rallied alongside her Andy for the next 25 years so he could live life to the fullest.

Doris enjoyed swimming, long walks and vacations with Andy and her family, playing the piano, and reading her books and periodicals.

She was the wife of the late Andrew J. Packard; Doris is survived by her three daughters, Diane M. Petersen (Karl) of Eagle Mills, Debra A. Kardos (Rick) of East Greenbush, and Donna L. Packard-Mahoney (J. David) of Albany; six grandchildren, Andrew K. Petersen (Jamie) of Troy, Timothy J. Petersen of Brunswick; Kelly Anne Dromgoole and Kristyn E. Snow, both of San Diego, CA, J. David Mahoney II, Troy, and Colleen E. Laverty (Conor) of Clifton Park; great grandmother of Ava Rose Petersen.

Funeral services Friday, March 1, 2013 at 8:45 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill, Albany at 9:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, February 28, 2013 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Those wishing to remember Doris in a special way may send a contribution in her name to Lions Foundation at Albany NY, 1220 New Scotland Road, Suite 102, Slingerlands, NY 12159.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Packard*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dorothy Elizabeth Packard*

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“ *Donna, we are both sorry for your loss. You never realize the importance of a parent until they are gone, which is why it important for us to carry forward our parents' love to our children. You have two great kids and they will always need you. We will say a prayer for Doris and you as well. Sal and Donna Ferlazzo##imported-begin##Sal Ferlazzo##imported-end##*

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“ *What a wonderful tribute to a beautiful, strong, compassionate, bright, determined, energetic, loving woman and her special family. Heaven is a richer place with her and she will be missed here. I am grateful that I had the privilege of knowing her and her devoted daughter, Donna. She loved life and her family, and lived well with grace, humor, love and dignity through her last moments.* **###imported-begin###Patricia Lillquist###imported-end##**

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“ *The video is such a lovely tribute! She was obviously loved very much and from the pictures, see that she returned that love. My sincere condolences to your family.* **###imported-begin###Joy Milne###imported-end##**

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