



Doortje Werner

July 19, 1951 - May 30, 2023

With faith in the risen Lord, Doortje Hanriette Werner entered into His loving presence on May 30, 2023, mercifully ending her 3-month battle with cancer. She passed from earthly life peacefully, with her husband Chuck praying at her side.

Doortje was born on July 19, 1951 in Apeldoorn, Netherlands to Willem and Geraldine Rumemper, followed by three siblings, Hendrik, Patricia, and Michael. The Rumemper family immigrated to the United States in 1960, settling in Southern California.

Willem and Geraldine were loving parents who modeled parental love and sacrifice to their children. Doortje grew into a woman who loved family and helping others, but had a nagging feeling that something was missing in her life.

While attending college, Doortje met Charles "Chuck" Werner. During their courtship she and Chuck attended Mass together. Realizing that her relationship with God was the "missing" element that she had felt, she entered faith formation. Doortje was baptized into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil in 1974. She and Chuck received the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on June 1, 1974 and with the grace of God began their vocations as wife and husband. The marriage was blessed with four children, James, Carolyn, John, and Julia, and ultimately nine grandchildren. Doortje and Chuck embraced the grace of complementarity that God pours out upon those He joins together. Devoted to faith, family, and service to others, they contributed their unique skills, abilities,

and knowledge to the challenges of educating and nurturing the children, maintaining and managing the household, and trying each day to live according to God's will.

Doortje was blessed with a loving, caring, empathetic personality that allowed her to make people feel safe and comfortable around her. She always tried to be a face of God to those she met.

Doortje volunteered in the library of the parish school and began a love affair with books and sharing the joys of reading with others that continued throughout her life. An excellent cook, her culinary efforts brought joy and nourishment to all. Her specialties included all manner of Dutch-Indonesian foods, many kinds of cakes, pies, cookies and candies; and even the traditional "Werner family recipe" potato salad and roast pork with dumplings and sweet sauerkraut.

Although she was raised in the city, Doortje was a "country girl" at heart. She loved family camping trips seeking the beauties of creation in the less-traveled rural locales. Whenever she got to a new location, the first order of business was to find the Catholic church in town and learn the Mass times. She always reminded the family, "God doesn't take a vacation from you - You don't ever get to take a vacation from God." She loved the small intimate churches and the parishioners that she met, hoping that someday she would belong to such a community.

In 2001, after the children had grown up and Chuck retired, Doortje and Chuck moved to Siskiyou County, settling in the Horse Creek area. Doortje found All Saints Church in Happy Camp and she knew God had led her home. Doortje and Chuck became active at All Saints and its parent parish, Sacred Heart in Fort Jones. Chuck discerned God's call to become a deacon in the church. This required both Doortje's approval and her active participation in diaconate formation, including attending the classes and completing the assignments alongside Chuck.

Doortje embraced and treasured her vocation of "deacon wife," pouring out her many complimentary qualities to strengthen and support Chuck's ministry

and to encourage and assist others whom God placed into her path on their faith journeys. A vigil will be held for Doortje on Monday evening, July 3 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Yreka. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow on Wednesday, July 5 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fort Jones, with interment to follow at Fort Jones Catholic Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

“ Dear Chuck and Family,

Our deepest condolences to you all in the loss of this precious lady. May her strong spirit surround you and bring you comfort, along with the many beautiful memories you have, until one day, you join her in the arms of God.

We shared many meals together, at both of our homes on the river. After we bought our home, but before we retired from working, we would come up occasionally and visit. We shared stories, laughs, movies on "the big screen," and of course, Doortje's delicious cooking. We can't remember the name of those meat-filled, breaded mashed-potato rolls, but I never could replicate them. One movie night we had Tommy burgers, another first, with the very wonderful Duke, nearby-the best boy!

One evening at our house, Bruce played music and we sang songs. It touched my heart when he played "Amazing Grace," the way that Doortje "lit-up" and sang out! It was lovely to hear the little church echo with voices singing this beautiful song for Doortje.

We were so impressed with her bravery and determination too. Having knee replacement is not for sissies, and she had them both operated on just six-weeks apart! She was "up and running " again in no time. We upheld her example to another neighbor/friend that had one knee replaced.

Like Mother Teresa, Doortje lived an exemplary life in service to others. She prepared and served countless meals to family, friends, and her community. Not only did she fill tummies, she fed the spirits of everyone she encountered.

May your faith and family unity bring you through this difficult journey. Grief is a heavy burden to bear, but, we believe it becomes the tiniest bit lighter when shared. We share your grief. God bless you all, and God bless Doortje. May her spirit rest in peace.

Bruce and Linda Moscovitch

Bruce and Linda Moscovitch - July 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *With heartfelt condolences,*



Operations Systems Team - June 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Our hearts and spirits are with you. Love and hugs to the entire family.*



Aunt Cyndy & Uncle George Heidi, Hans & Hayden & families - June 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Grandma Lolo, Pete & Cecily Scala, Alyssa & Tyler Burrone & family, Adriana Scala & Ryan Duferrena*

Smith, Scalas, Burrone, Duferrena - June 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ God rest her very good and gentle soul 🙏 I have admired her for so many years and enjoyed our brief visits before and after Mass 🙏

Kathleen Hendryx - June 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Doortje Werner - June 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM