



Dorothy Bishop

December 9, 1936 - March 10, 2013

Dorothy Lee “Dot” Bishop died peacefully Sunday night, March 10, 2013. Visitation will be 1–3 p.m. Friday at North Highlands Church of Christ in Russellville. Services will be at 3 p.m. with Trae Durden, Mickey Spillers, and Keith Barnett participating. Burial will be in East Franklin Cemetery. Pinkard Funeral Home is directing.

Dot was a teacher in the Russellville City Schools for 36 years and was selected as an outstanding elementary teacher of America in 1972. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and served in offices of the Franklin County Retired Teachers Association and the Franklin County Retired State Employees Association. At various times, she was a volunteer with Safeplace and Meals on Wheels, an election official for Franklin County, and a Board Member of Hospice of the Shoals.

Although she had an active career, Dot’s faith and her family came first. She was a devoted member of North Highlands Church of Christ for more than 55 years. She faithfully supported her husband during his two terms as mayor of the city of Russellville and during his appointment as a U.S. Marshal. Her sons and grandchildren were the joys of her heart.

Dot loved reading, gardening, and travelling with her sisters and friends. Her sweet spirit, cheerful personality, and ready smile endeared her to all she met. As a friend noted, “I don’t know anyone who is so loved.” She left lasting memories of an ability to laugh at herself, consideration for others, and resolute faith in God.

Dot was preceded in death by parents, Roy and Lola Caver, husband, Ralph Clayton Bishop, Sr., and daughter-in-law, Betsy Bishop of Birmingham. Surviving are sons, Ralph Bishop, Jr. of Birmingham and Chris Bishop (Leta) of Rogersville; grandchildren, Clayton Bishop and Will Bishop of Birmingham, Olivia Bishop and Noah Bishop of Rogersville; sisters, Betty Hamblen (Willie) and Glenda Foust (Ed), both of Florence; sisters-in-law, Linda Bishop of Tuscumbia and Diane Miller (Harold) of Russellville; aunts, Mary Crabb (Charles) and Virginia Goddard (Smith), both of Booneville, MS; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends who loved her dearly. Pallbearers will be Tim Turner, Floyd Fennel, Eddie Martin, Doug Clement, Mark Grissom, Joe Foster, Tommy Mashburn and Chris Wallace. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Ralph Bishop Memorial Scholarship Fund at Citizens Bank in Russellville.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

North Highlands Church Of Christ
2101 North Jackson Ave.
Russellville, Al

Service

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Chris and PeeWee,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. Dot was a wonderful lady who touched so many lives. She was so kind to everyone. No matter how busy she was, she would always ask about my family and would share what was going on with the two of you. She was so proud of you and your families. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Linda Holcomb Bingham##imported-begin##Linda Holcomb Bingham##imported-end##

March 15, 2013 at 11:27 AM



“ Sorry for your loss##imported-begin##Randy, Dianne, Kyle Reeves ##imported-end##

March 14, 2013 at 11:30 PM



“ Ralph and Chris, I was so saddened to hear of your mother's death. She was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. I will always remember the good times we all shared at the family reunions on Cedar Creek Lake. I was enriched by having your mom and dad in my life. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. (Uncle Thurman "Jim" Pounds wife)##imported-begin##Claudia Hartley##imported-end##

March 14, 2013 at 12:43 AM



“ Dear Ralph and Chris:

So sorry to hear about the death of your mother. She was much loved and leaves a legacy for the two of you to enjoy and savor over the coming years. We love the Bishop family.

Hugh and Kelly McMurry##imported-begin##Hugh McMurry##imported-end##

March 13, 2013 at 07:51 PM



“ *Dot will truly be missed. She was such a sweet, kind and loving person. She always asked me about my children and always encouraged me in the trials I have faced in my life. I loved her and her family.##imported-begin##Elaine Malmquist##imported-end##*

March 13, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ *Dear Ralph and Chris,
I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your sweet mother. May God bless you during this time of grief.
Betsy Horton Powell##imported-begin##Betsy Horton Powell##imported-end##*

March 13, 2013 at 09:41 AM



“ *You guys are in my thoughts and prayers. Wonderful lady!*

Andy##imported-begin##Andy Chesnutt##imported-end##

March 13, 2013 at 12:34 AM



“ To the family of Ms. Dorothy Bishop:

I would like to express my condolences to you for the loss of your mother, sister and grandmother, Ms. Bishop. The death of a loved one can be very devastating. But God's Word, the Bible, can provide great comfort for you during this time in your life. Jesus Christ promised at John 5:28 that he will resurrect untold numbers of people to live again right here on earth. Imagine the great joy when you are reunited with your dead loved one, Ms. Bishop. Once again, I express my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Francine Smith##imported-end##

March 12, 2013 at 09:03 PM



“ *I have wonderful memories of my friend, Dot from childhood to Deshler High. She will forever be in my heart. May the Lord comfort all of you in this time of grief. Doris Downing##imported-begin##Doris Shelton Downing##imported-end##*

March 12, 2013 at 10:48 AM