



Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers

February 9, 1934 - July 16, 2017

Charlotte Lorraine Burger Hoppers was born in Topeka, KS on February 9, 1934 and died July 16, 2017 following a long battle with cancer. Charlotte spent her early years in Kansas City, MO until she was 12 when her family moved to Weaubleau, MO to run the store at Burger Junction.

She graduated as Salutatorian from Weaubleau High School in 1952. Charlotte loved Hickory County and treasured the lifelong friendships she made there. Charlotte met Bill Hoppers at the Wheatland Skating Rink and they married six weeks before he left for a two-year stint in the u.S. Army. In Bill's absence, Charlotte began attending Southwest Missouri State part-time while also working in Springfield. Ultimately, she received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from SMS and a Master's Degree in Education from Drury College. Charlotte began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse and retired after many years of teaching in various school districts in Polk and Hickory counties. She continued to have close friendships with many of her former students and colleagues until her death.

Charlotte was also active for many years in summer workshops on the SMSU campus teaching her colleagues how to utilize newspapers in the classroom. During her teaching career, Charlotte was honored to receive the Humansville CT A Educator of the Year Award, the Lakes Country Counsel International Reading Association Literacy Award, a Community Service Award from Drury

College among others. Charlotte was a member and past Grand Matron of Eastern Star. Although Charlotte was a member of the First Christian Church in Bolivar at the time of her death, she was a certified lay speaker in the United Methodist denomination. She had many hobbies and interests and was an avid china painter.

Charlotte is perhaps best remembered for her humor and her "Talkative Tilly" character was well known at local events. One of her greatest joys was making others laugh, even at her own expense. She also had a true teacher's ability to speak frankly and yet her words were always full of love and encouragement. She was a woman of many gifts and talents including the ability to connect on a personal level with people from all the different areas of her life. Her mothering style was just as passionate and unique as the rest of her. It was her favorite role and she often said she raised her two best friends. Many will vouch that she had a hand in raising them as well.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Doris Burger; her spouse of 53 years, Bill J Hoppers; and a half brother, Hadrian Burger, of California.

Charlotte is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Charla and Steve Lear of Bolivar and Marsha and Rick Floyd of Fair Grove; 3 grandchildren-Jarett (Sarah) Lear of Lenexa, KS, Kristopher (Megan) Keller of Springfield, and Tara (Cody) Williams of Fair Grove; and 4 great-grandchildren-Steven Lear, Truitt and Eloise Keller, and Emmett Williams. She was looking forward to the arrival of her fifth great grandchild and namesake, Ada Charlotte Williams, due next month. In addition, Charlotte has two step-grandchildren Kristy Schuetz and Dustin (Cheryl) Floyd all of Springfield and 4 step-grandchildren Chelsea (Caleb) Ambriz of Springfield, Madison (Stephany) Hernandez of Conway, AR and Lance and Trevor Floyd of Springfield. Charlotte is also survived by her niece, Sandra Woodward, of La

Quinta, CA who she thought of as a younger sister, as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO on Tuesday, July 18, from 5-7 pm with a celebration of life service to follow on Wednesday, July 19 at 10 am also at Butler Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Crutsinger Cemetery in Hickory County.

Charlotte's family would like to thank Dr Leo and the staff of Central Care Cancer Center in Bolivar for their unending kindness and skill while providing care to their mom. Also, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to CMH Home Health and Hospice who helped make a difficult journey more tolerable. Charlotte, who was an avid dog lover, was noted as saying that in addition to seeing loved ones when she enters heaven, that she hopes to be greeted on the other side by a pack of dogs. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Polk County Humane Society or the Central Care Cancer Center in Bolivar. Condolences may be left on Charlotte's online guest book butlerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ To All of Charlotte's Family,
Such a special lady who is missed by all who knew her. Seemed to be always thinking of others! One day at the Cancer Center when she finished her treatment, I was in there getting my Zometa infusion that I get every six months since my breast cancer. She marched over to me and sat down beside me and said, "now, just what is going on with you?" I can still see her and hear her now! She taught my little granddaughter how to "drink tea the proper way" when we'd be the beauty shop. We enjoyed sharing pictures and stories of our families. I have so many wonderful memories of her.



I'm so sorry I was unable to attend either service. My husband has cancer and was in the hospital having a procedure during that time. She was always asking how he was doing when we saw each other or communicated on FaceBook. Just another example of thinking of others.

Thoughts and prayers will continue, Judy Wollard

<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Hands-In-Prayer.png>

<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Hug.png>

Judy Wollard - July 22, 2017 at 03:45 PM

MC

“ *Mary c C. purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers .*



Mary c C. - July 21, 2017 at 04:23 PM

DA

“ *Last year I returned to Springfield for a graduation and a short visit. These quick trips are always a whirlwind -- with time being in short supply. My brother , Doug, and I were able to to squeeze in a short visit to Charlotte. A delightful and lively conversation ensued. (Anyone surprised ?) we parted feeling refreshed, invigorated and inspired. She had not lost her touch---a great lady I am proud and thankful to have known. A great loss for all of us---but we are all the richer having been touched by her. Rest in peace dear lady.*

Don Aasby - July 21, 2017 at 11:02 AM

TR

“ *Mom and I enjoyed Charlotte when she would come to our "cousins" meal at the Chinese place in Bolivar. I told her she could always be our honorary cousin. I know she was thrilled when Charla moved to Bolivar. You girls were blessed w great parents. Her obituary was very nice!*

Terry Richter Reno - July 20, 2017 at 05:24 PM

CM

“ *She was such a wonderful lady. I enjoyed getting to know her and will miss her very much. Blessing to the family!*

Carol Morris - July 19, 2017 at 01:38 PM

JE

“ *She was such a wonderful and amazing Lady. I loved her and Bill both they was such a great couple. And no one could sing the star spangle banner like Charlotte.*

Jessica - July 19, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ *I remember so much about Mrs. Hoppers. I went to the trailer she worked in many times for my remedial reading. I went from a kid who struggled to read the easiest of words to someone that loves to read. She was always nice and always smiled. I saw her not too awfully long ago at my job. I was feeling sorry for myself one day when she came through my line. I chit chatted with her and then asked how she had been doing.. She told me she had cancer and that there was nothing more they could do. I felt that I had better take my chance to tell her how I felt about her. I thanked her for what she had done for me and I told her I loved her. I am so thankful I did... She was a great lady and she will be missed. Love you Mrs Hoppers! Sincerely Michelle*

Michelle Baley - July 18, 2017 at 06:02 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers .*



July 18, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers .*



July 18, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers .*



July 18, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *To all of Charlotte's Family,
We want you to know how sad we are for your loss. Charlotte was a wonderful next door neighbor to my father, Mr. Leonard Paxton, for many years in Bolivar. She always saved copies of "The Index" for him, and would carry stacks of papers to his garage entry. (He was actually born on his uncle's farm located near Wheatland, MO., 97 years ago, and enjoyed looking for news about family and friends.) We are sorry to be so far away at this time, because we would cherish the opportunity to attend Charlotte's memorial service. We will be keeping you in our prayers this week. We are grateful to my father's former caregiver, Kathy Borawski, who called us this morning to let us know about Charlotte's passing. God bless you all!
T.W. & Evie Jones in Colorado Springs, CO.*

T.W. & Evie Jones - July 17, 2017 at 08:56 PM

RM

“ Rhonda Marttila purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers .



Rhonda Marttila - July 17, 2017 at 07:49 PM

MF

“ Marttila Family lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers



Marttila family - July 17, 2017 at 06:32 PM

MF

*Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Charla and Marsha and families. We will never forget her zest for life, her sense of humor and her joy for living. She was one of the first people we met in Humansville, and she made us all feel welcome.
In Sympathy,
The Marttila Family*

Marttila family - July 17, 2017 at 06:34 PM

CS

“ Catherine & Dennis, Amy & Steve, Sheri & Steve purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers .



Catherine & Dennis, Amy & Steve, Sheri & Steve - July 17, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers .*



July 16, 2017 at 10:30 PM



“ *This beautiful, intelligent, humorous woman positively affected the lives of myself and my entire family. I am so grateful for her candidness and her presence in our lives! May her family know peace and smile with gratitude at the impact she has had on so many.*

Cindy Aasby Litwer - July 16, 2017 at 09:34 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lorraine Hoppers .*



July 16, 2017 at 07:14 PM

JC

“ *What to say about my cousin Charlotte...you will hear all about the love she had for your girls, the grandkids and all the family...you will hear what a given person she was ub anythig she would do...and you will definently hear about her amazing career as a teacher and how she help so many of the Humansville youth to grow up and become the greatest they could be. For me the tribute is she was a woman...my cousin...who was just real and so much fun to be around. Yes Charlotte you will be missed...and especially by me.*

John Comstock

John Comstock - July 16, 2017 at 04:41 PM