



Dorless E. Robertson

December 14, 1920 - January 2, 2014

Mrs. Dorless E. Robertson, age 93 of Bolivar passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at Marshfield Care Center after a brief illness.

She was born to the late Ferdie Ray and Nora Caroline (Lemons) Wood on December 14, 1920, in Hartville, Mo.

At an early age her family moved to Stockton where her father was a school teacher. About 1930 he moved his family to Bolivar. Dorless was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church in Bolivar in 1931. She graduated from Bolivar High School in 1938 and eloped with Raymond Robertson in Hartville, Mo. on July 4, 1938. Their first years of marriage were spent in or around Bolivar. Travel progressed from horse and wagon to motorized vehicles. Dorless often spoke of different homes they had lived in, one of them in 1939 being so cold that she would change her first born child under the covers at night and in the morning the diaper would be frozen to the floor.

In May of 1952 they moved to Mansfield. Dorless started working in a factory environment as a sewing machine operator when a shoe factory opened there. She later worked at the Rawlings Sporting Good plant in Ava. In 1963, when the couple moved back to Bolivar, Dorless worked at the school as a cook. She later worked at various garment factories operating a sewing machine. During this time she was active in the Amalgamated Garment Workers Union and served as a Union Representative. She was very politically minded and enjoyed listening to and discussing current events.

During the declining health of her husband, she cared for him and their younger grandchildren. After his death and the grandchildren reached school age, she became restless and went back to work. The last 10 years of her working career were spent at EDCO as a microfilm camera operator. Her second retirement came at the age of 82.

Taking trips across the US, Canada, and Mexico with different family members was a great joy for her. Her Caribbean cruise at the age of 89 gave her many more stories to tell. Her travels always included stories about getting lost, taking unintended roads, and how she enjoyed meeting and talking with people along the way. Her biggest pleasure however, came from having her family all together.

Dorless is survived by six children: Fred Robertson and wife Sharon, of Kansas City, Kansas; George Robertson and wife Joy, of Lawson; Rena

Kuestersteffen and husband Bob, of Marshfield; Rama Dean "Deanie" Fields, of Ash Grove; Frank Robertson and wife Vanetta, of Willard; Carl Robertson and wife Sandra, of Bolivar. She is also survived by 13 Grandchildren: Michelle Stelmach; Jim Robertson; Eva Jean Scoma; Lucinda Jones; Robert Raney; Shannon Raper; Eric Fields; Sheldon Robertson; Raymond Robertson; Albert Robertson; Travis Robertson; Eli Robertson; Carla Williams; 3 Step-Grandchildren: Nancy Bell; David Kuestersteffen; Susie Price; 28 Great Grandchildren: Matthew Morris; Melissa Barnes; Jamie Clausen; Ross Robertson; Taylor Cantrell; Lauren Hammons; Michaela Cantrell; Kayleah Gilmore; Billy Raney; Cory Scoma; Mackenzie Hammons; Stone Fields; Ashley Raney; Madison Robertson; Riley Hammons; Michele Robertson; Cody Raney; Heath Robertson; Heston Robertson; Marshall Robertson; Maddax Fields; Uriah Robertson; Haden Robertson; Hunter Robertson; Madalyn Robertson; Colton Robertson; Jaiden Robertson; Emmitt Williams; 15 Step-Great-Grandchildren: Cory Raper; Tessa Draheim; Brandy Raper; Luke Bell; Chase Tryon; ShiAnne Jones; Kaylee Kuestersteffen; Bryce Jones; Jet Tryon; Tesa Bell; Tahlia Kuestersteffen; Keaton Kuestersteffen; David Scoma, Jr.; Matthew Scoma; Krissy McClinton; 5 Great-Great-Grandchildren: Alaina Fueston; Karli Clausen; Waylon Morris; Maysie Barnes; Lillian Barnes; and 1 Nephew: Frank David Wood.

Dorless was preceded in death by parents, Ferdie Ray and Nora Caroline (Lemon) Wood; step-mother, Dora (Denney) Wood; husband, Raymond Robertson; brother, Frank Wood; sisters, Geneva Wood and Juanita Cantrell; grandson, Michael Raney; and great-grandson, Joseph Robertson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bolivar with Rev. Bill Hooper officiating.

Musical Selections will be “Holes In The Floor Of Heaven” by Steve Wariner, “The Old Rugged Cross” by Tennessee Earnie Ford, and “Amazing Grace” by Willie Nelson. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar.

Casketbearers will be James Raymond Robertson, Robert Raney, Eric Fields, Sheldon Robertson, Albert Robertson, Travis Robertson, Raymond Robertson and Eli Robertson.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorless E. Robertson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Dorless E. Robertson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. It's always sad to lose someone close to us. The hope the Bible holds out is comforting. "And I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous"-Acts 24:15*

Callum - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I really enjoyed spending time and talking with Dorless and taking care of her some of the time while she was at Parkview HealthCare. She was such a joy to be around. I will miss her greatly.*

Jenny Slack - January 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God give you comfort during this time of sorrow*

elizabeth harris - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“*dorless, you will always be in my heart and in my thoughts & dreams.I loved you the fist time I met you & never stopped. will see again someday.*

Betty Lipe - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“*We are very sorry for your loss. We met Mrs. Robertson at Eli and Brittany's wedding and she was just delightful! Our sympathies go out to Eli, Brittany and the entire family.*

Teri and Dave Schadler - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you, Cindy, and your family.*

Angie Draheim - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Grandma Robbie was an amazing woman and will be missed greatly.*

Kurt, Renee & Kyndal White - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“*Cindy, so sorry for your loss! Thinking of you and your family.*

Brenda Cleir - January 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *She was a wonderful wonderful woman who I enjoyed my time with. I loved her like my very own grandma. She always treated me like one of her own grandchildren. She loved Madison and Michele and she brought them just as much joy as they brought her. Thank you Dorless for letting me know you.*

Love, Brandy

Brandy Slack - January 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *So sorry to hear of your mom's passing, Deanie. What a beautiful tribute for a beautiful lady. My thoughts and prayers for you and yours. Love, Angela*

Angela Abbott - January 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Apples fall so lovingly close to the tree...*

The relatives that I know are Rena and Cindy.

They both so clearly carry the legacy of strength and depth of love shown them by this amazing mother and grandmother.

Gale Boutwell - January 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *To the family I am thinking of all of you and the sadness of losing such a wonderful lady. We know she would want us to laugh and celebrate her life and not mope around so Let's all remember her love and fun as a great tribute to her. Loved her very much.*

Carmalee Hall - January 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ So very sorry for your loss. She sounds like she was a great lady and I am sure she will be missed by many, but leaving wonderful memories!

Susan and Rick Newman - January 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ She was an amazing grandmother and she will be greatly missed. I will miss our late night phone calls and lively talks about events going on in our lives.

Raymond, Ricki, Heath, Haden, Heston Robertson - January 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Thoughts and Prayers are with the family. May God help you thru this time. Remember your memories are always with you. In Gods love

Carolyn Poore - January 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. She was a wonderful friend.

Patricia Schneider - January 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. She was a great lady.

Tete Hammons - January 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM