



## Dorothy "Dottie" E. Berkley

July 9, 1929 - November 19, 2018

Dorothy E. Berkley died quietly the morning of November 19, 2018. Dorothy (Dottie) was born July 9, 1929, in Alpena, South Dakota to Samuel and Agnes (Schmidt) Burnison.

Dottie grew up in Alpena and graduated from Alpena High School. She later attended the University of Denver. In Alpena, she began her work in banking, which propelled her to take a position at the Sioux Valley Bank, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. As a young woman, Dottie especially enjoyed her group of professional women friends. Then Dottie met her husband-to-be (Dean) in Sioux Falls.

They were married in 1953. In 1957, they moved to Bloomington, Indiana (with their young sons). Dottie raised four children, maintained her home and was involved in several local organizations as a leader and volunteer. These included P.E.O., Bloomington Hospital (Local Council of Women), and St Mark's United Methodist Church (to name a few). Upon arriving at Indiana University (IU) she and her husband Dean were sought after by Herman Wells to help host many events to promote Indiana University). Dottie and her husband Dean enjoyed traveling, often combined with Dean's speaking engagements.

In retirement Dottie enjoyed spending summers in the North Carolina Mountains playing bridge, reading, cutting/arranging flowers, hosting visitors/friends, and fund raising for the Hospice of Yancey County. Dottie excelled at cooking and entertaining guests in her home – a visitor would

notice she had a special talent for combining and arranging beautiful things. Her home was always tastefully decorated for each season and holiday. All were warmly made to feel welcome. The dinner table was beautifully set and would include family, friends, neighbors, new girl/boyfriends, and even a former IU football coach who with his family were stranded in Bloomington due to a freak winter storm. Dottie was social, stylish, active, organized, and fun-loving.

Dottie is survived by her children, Craig (Gail) Berkley (Arvada, CO), Bryan Berkley (Bloomington, IN), Dee Berkley (Kevin) Allen (Bartlesville, OK), and Brent Berkley (Martinsville, IN and Murphy, NC), and seven grandchildren. Dottie is pre-deceased by her husband, Dean Berkley, of which were married for 57 years, her parents, and three brothers Cecil, Leroy, and Earl Burnison. A memorial service will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Friday, December 21, 2018, at 12:00 noon. Please consider a gift to either St. Marks United Methodist Church or the Hospice of Yancey County, NC in lieu of flowers.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Marks United Methodist Church  
100 State Rd 46  
Bloomington, IN 47408

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ To all the Berkley family my condolences on the passing of your parents and grandparents. I sure enjoyed the times I have spent with all of you. Dean and Dottie are great memories for me. I especially enjoyed a Sunday afternoon feast at their lovely home in Bloomington. As a friend and IU Alumni I had the pleasure to know the entire family during the 70's. I remember attending Dean's speaking events with Dottie in DFW area where I have lived since college. I hope all the Berks will visit the serenity of The Boundary Waters soon. Trish and I send our love to all.

*Brownie*

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**rodney scott brown** - December 20, 2018 at 03:39 PM

JB

“ Dottie was a dear friend for more than 50 years! I shall miss her always! She had a zest and joy that was with her in every part of life. She made a friend of all she met, she was a 'no nonsense' kind of girl, and she lightened every space!  
May you find rest in Heaven, Dottie!  
Lovingly, Jo Beggs

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**JoAnn Beggs** - December 04, 2018 at 10:57 AM

GM

“ I have known Dottie for a long time. She always had a smile on her face and nice things to say. Dottie and Dean entertained us in their home ;we were in a golf group together and we shared P.E.O. stories together. We shall miss her here at Meadowood. Please accept our sympathy for your loss and God bless you all. Gerry Miller

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**Gerry Miller** - November 27, 2018 at 04:28 PM

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“ *Dottie and I became good friends in Windermere Woods. After Dean died, she and I shared a bond which was priceless. I always admired her pep, her optimism. The last time I was with Dottie was this late summer. She complained of being very tired, but then exhibited her characteristic upbeat demeanor. My thoughts go out to the family. Anne Fraker*

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**anne fraker** - November 27, 2018 at 03:47 PM



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**Allen Funeral Home and Crematory** - November 26, 2018 at 12:16 PM

HB

*Dottie and Dean shared their house, their four children and Pepper with Ada and me during our careers. Each was a blessing for us, and helpful to them at the moment. May each if the children find solace in remembering the lives of those who gave them being and taught valuable life lessons.*

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**Harmon Baldwin** - November 27, 2018 at 11:02 AM