



Dorothy "Dotti" Greene Riggins

September 8, 1932 - August 14, 2023

Dotti Riggins has entered new life following a long and well-lived life in this world. She superbly played the roles of daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend, employee, volunteer, child of God. Born into a blue collar family in suburban St. Louis, she played all the sports and sang in school and church choirs. She met her future husband, Pat Riggins, during a Christmas caroling outing. The two would be married for over fifty-four years, raising four sons and blessing churches and communities wherever they lived.

Dotti graduated from a secretary prep school, winning an award for the best telephone voice. She supported Pat in the early years, while he served in the Army and attended veterinary school. She stayed home to raise their sons, then resumed working as office manager for his veterinary hospital and at the IU Journal for American History. Upon retirement she and Pat became so involved in causes they won the City of Bloomington/United Way of Monroe County Be More Award for Volunteers of the Year.

Dotti received ordination as both an elder and a deacon in the Presbyterian Church. She sang in choirs and served on committees. She took the organization of the "Old Kitchen" at 1st Presbyterian of Bloomington especially seriously. Dotti and Pat sponsored Rotary Scholars from Korea, Scotland and elsewhere. The dinners she served for those students, and for family holidays, were legendary. She never missed her sons' games, concerts and academic awards programs.

Dotti's parents and siblings all died before she did, as did her beloved, Pat.

She is survived by sons Mike (Linda), Tim (Claire), Dennis (Katie) and Matt (Lori). She left behind grandchildren Laura Riggins Muse, Molly Russell, Dan Hall Riggins, Alice Riggins, Connor Riggins and Lanie Riggins. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Theo and Rory Muse, Matilda and Rafe Russell, and Ayla Hall Riggins, whom Dotti met just days before her death. Should any wish to give in honor of Dotti, please consider the Monroe County Humane Association. Visitation will take place from 4-8pm Friday, August 25 at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37. Her funeral will take place at 11:00am on Saturday, August 26 at the 1st Presbyterian Church on 6th St. in Bloomington. A reception and committal service will follow.

Cemetery Details

Allen Creek Cemetery

E. Allens Creek Rd
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
221 E 6th St
Bloomington, IN 47408-3596
(812) 332-1514

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dotti and Pat were among the first to greet me when I began work at First Presbyterian. Dotti was as warm and generous a lady as I've ever met. She always made my Sunday as we chatted and enjoyed each other's company after church. I will miss her every day.*
Katy Strand

Katy Strand - September 06, 2023 at 12:28 PM

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“ *Dottie sure will be missed! She always sat right in front of Mom and me at church and so of course we would exchange greetings and such.*

Later in life I would take Betty Van to BT to enjoy lunch together. May all of the good memories stay with you as you process such a great loss in your family.
Renée M

Renée Miller - August 26, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dotti" Greene Riggins.*



August 25, 2023 at 11:03 AM

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“ *Dotti and Pat were one of the first couples we met when we joined the church over 30 years ago. Dotti and I were I koinonia together and we also served together on various church committees. When Dotti lived at Bell Trace we often drove her to church, along with Jim’s mother , Ruth, who lived down the hall in assisted living. We loved our visits as we traveled to and from church as the two ladies were full of conversation. Dotti was a good friend to Ruth who moved to Bell Trace from Martinsville and who didn’t already have friends at Bell Trace. All of our family then got to know Dotti and loved her. She is missed and fondly remembered* ❤️

Becky and Jim Rusie - August 24, 2023 at 12:13 PM

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“ *I send you my sympathy on Dottie's death. My favorite memories of her are of visiting with her in the Bell Trace main hallway. I would be on my way home after volunteering and I would look down the hallway and if I were lucky, Dottie would be out there in her wheelchair and we would go up and down the hallway chatting. How interesting and what fun those chats were. They made my day. Dottie was interested in so much and had a wonderful sense of humor. These visits remain in my memory and I am grateful for them. Antonia Matthew*

Antonia Matthew - August 23, 2023 at 12:39 PM