



Dorothy "Dotti" J. Bittner Roberts

June 13, 1940 - June 20, 2020

Dorothy "Dotti" J. Bittner Roberts, 80, of Summerville, wife of Leonard M. Roberts, passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at Summerville Medical Center.

All services are private.

Dotti was born June 13, 1940 in Yellow Springs, OH, daughter of the late John Francis Bittner and Vivian Donna Spencer Bittner. Dotti was a proud graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She began her working career as an elementary teacher, moved on to a full-time mom and entrepreneur with her handmade Dotti Dolls business. She was actively involved in the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir in Columbus, OH, as well as enjoying singing and dancing with Vaudvillities. Moving to Summerville, she and Len quickly made many friends, enjoyed attending the Summerville Orchestra and became involved with her church, St. John the Beloved Catholic Church. Dotti's spare time was spent creating a multitude of personalized quilts for family and friends and listening to Len's guitar playing. However, her favorite activity was spending time with Len, her kids, their spouses and all of her grandkids. Dotti was a wonderful wife, mother, "Nana" and friend to all. She will be loved and sorely missed by all who knew her.

Survivors, including her husband Leonard, children: Tom Buscemi, II (Karen) of Bloomingburg, OH, John Buscemi (Mohammed Alabbas) of Dayton, OH, Tony Buscemi (Megan) of Columbus, OH, Lisa Hilliker (Chad) of Loveland, OH and Kevin Roberts (Charnett); nine grandchildren: John Buscemi, II (Kayti), Annie Buscemi, Brooke Buscemi (Josh Thompson), Tara Buscemi, Jacob Hilliker (Mary Taylor), Ross Buscemi, Joe Hilliker, Ellie Hilliker and Violet Buscemi and one great grandchild: Kalen VanBourgondien; four sisters: Carolyn Dunn (Paul), Martha Anthony (Paul), Barb Moody (Dan) and Marilyn Bittner, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 28 Sumter Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483 and the Summerville Orchestra, 118 W Richardson Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483 or <https://summervilleorchestra.org/>.

Tribute Wall



“ *James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy "Dotti" J. Bittner Roberts*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - June 26, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ *Dorothy "Dotti" J. Bittner Roberts*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

TP

“ When Tony and I moved to Summerville, Dotti quickly made her way to our house across the street. I can hear her voice now, “hey there”. We became fast friends. We both had a love of caring for others, cooking, decorating. She inspired me. We would take turns seeing each other seasonal decor, we had frequent get together, sharing each other’s lives. Leaving Summerville was hard, leaving such good friends, but we vowed to keep in touch. We made a trip there and they came to the new farm, then Covid arrived. I hate I didn’t get to say goodbye, I hate I missed her birthday. We’d still be celebrating the birthday month! This weekend we’d be having wine and dinner celebrating hers and Tony’s birthday. I’m so thankful for the friendship we shared. I will cherish all the things she lovingly made for us. I’m still have one last quilt she made me to pick up. Len, Tom, Tony, John, Lisa, and family, I’m thinking of you all and praying for your families. She loved you all dearly and spoke of you all so often. I feel like I know you well as she was so proud of each of you. She could wait to share with me the latest projects and events happening. Miss you Dotti, until we meet again my sweet friend.



Terri Purvis - June 26, 2020 at 11:33 PM

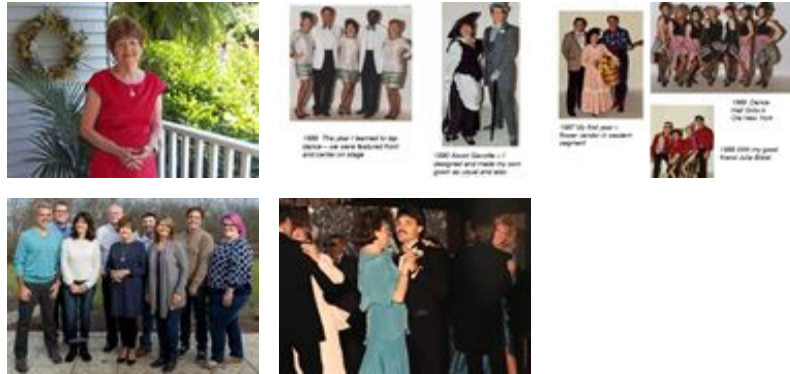
LI

Terri - so great to see you again - Mom adored you two. I love these pics - thank you for sharing them. So great that you Cupid share her celebration with us! I know why Mom loved you so - I'd love to have you as a friend too! Hugs to you - thank you 😊

Lisa - June 28, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - June 26, 2020 at 12:49 PM

JD

“ *Our condolences to Len and all the rest of the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Dotti was a wonderful person, she made everyone who was in her presence feel welcomed. We will all miss her dearly, she was a great organizer at our senior lunches. We will always remember her gift giving, what ever she gave to someone as a gift, was always handmade, we will cherish all the gifts she gave us for different occasions. She made a wonderful dinner Christmas time and had us over with other friends and her meal was excellent. You will be missed by all of us Dotti, a life taken too soon. Rest in peace my friend.*

Jean & John Dangelewicz - June 25, 2020 at 10:42 PM

KH

“ We are so very sorry to hear this news. I know Dottie was absolutely treasured by her family and friends. Though she will be deeply missed, she leaves behind a beautiful legacy of faith, family and treasured friends. God Bless to all.

Kathy Haberer - June 25, 2020 at 12:11 AM

LI

Thank you Kathy - that is so sweet! I appreciate your words - yes she is certainly treasured! Thank you Kathy ❤️ Lisa

Lisa - June 25, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ To Len & all family members,
Our Sincere condolences.. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time of great loss..
Her kindness & generosity was a constant in her life...
When we first moved to Summerville and joined St. John the Beloved, Dotti was the 1st person to greet us and made us feel welcome.. She invited us to join her circle of friends at her table....The rest is history...We will eternally be grateful for her friendship and cherish our times together....
God Bless You, Dotti .. forever..

Sincerely,
Gary & Carol Wilcox

Carol Wilcox - June 24, 2020 at 03:43 PM

LI

Thank you Gary and Carol - I live hearing that about my mom. I'm not surprised though! She was always welcoming new friends and old. Thank you for sharing that. It means a lot to us! ❤️ Lisa

Lisa - June 24, 2020 at 05:53 PM

DR

“ Any time we saw Dotti at church, she always had a big smile on her face when she would see us. Will remember you in our prayers.
Dave and Barbara Rotterman

Dave Rotterman - June 24, 2020 at 11:19 AM

LI

Thank you Dave! Mom loved Len, her kids, her church, her friends and life! Thank you for that message. Lisa

Lisa - June 24, 2020 at 03:04 PM

JK

“ Children of Dottie, I taught school with your Mother for two years, 1969-71 at a little country school, New Dover Elementary, Marysville Exempted Schools along with Mildred Greer, 3rd grade and Ann Low and I were the 4th grade teachers Our Principal came to check on us one day a week before the school day began. We had a great time teaching together. Dottie was always so positive and creative. I have thought about her so many times. I was sorry to see of her death in the Columbus Dispatch paper this morning. My deepest Sympathy to all of you.

Jean Kearns - June 24, 2020 at 10:36 AM

LI

Hello Jean and thank you. I love hearing about her - it makes me smile. Again, thank you. My brothers and I are so grateful for this message!
Lisa

Lisa - June 24, 2020 at 03:00 PM

JL

“ To Len, and to Dotti's children and extended families: My heart broke upon hearing the sad news of Dotti's sudden passing. I will remember her perpetual happiness and beautiful spirit. She loved life and was ready for anything, whether it be making a quilt for someone or making a lasagna. A classy lady who loved her family, she was so proud of each and every one of you. She will be forever missed.

Jeffrey Lake

Jeffrey Lake - June 24, 2020 at 10:26 AM

LI

Oh Jeff - thank you! I love that message - it touched me. And you are right - a classy lady with a beautiful heart. Thank you for that - it made me so happy to read it. Hugs to you, ❤️ Lisa

Lisa - June 24, 2020 at 03:02 PM

JR

“ To Tom, John, Tony and Lisa: I want you to know that if it wasn't for your Mom working to "set me up" with Larry (Krueger), on our first date after an unusual St. Joe's Cathedral Choir performance at a 5:15 pm (last chance mass) 😊 on a Sunday in 1985, I wouldn't have been married for 32+ years, and had 2 wonderful sons, Stephen and Michael. I cried when I heard she was gone from this earth. We always joked about setting up the Cathedral Choir Retirement home for all of us who found that special time I will always refer to as "Our Camelot". Please know that there are many of us who still remember her with great joy! I remember you all, as teenagers, and know this is a difficult time for you. If you ever want to reach out, Larry and I are still here in Columbus.

Jackie Rudolph - June 24, 2020 at 04:01 AM

JB

Thank you for the kind words Jackie, and what a great story! You all brought great joy and an enormous amount of fun to her, and our lives. Sincerely, John

John Buscemi - June 24, 2020 at 09:26 AM

LI

Exactly what John said! Thank you for reaching out Jackie! Hugs to you, Lisa

Lisa - June 24, 2020 at 10:01 AM

PR

“ *Sorry for your loss. In our thoughts and prayers. Love Patty Roberts and daughters.*

Patty Roberts - June 23, 2020 at 03:52 PM

DF

“ *To Len and the Bittner and Buscemi families: Dotti exhibited a zest for life far and above that of most folks I've ever known. Her joy was so contagious and her warmth unparalleled. So sorry for your loss of this lovely lady! Love and peace to you all, D. Audia Felzien*

Deborah E Audia Felzien - June 23, 2020 at 11:42 AM

JB

Thank you Audia, she often asked me how you were. 'Contagious joy' ... I love that. John

John Buscemi - June 24, 2020 at 09:29 AM

GM

“ *My condolences to the family of Dotti Buscemi Roberts*

*Gary Moreland
Columbus, OH*

Gary Moreland - June 23, 2020 at 06:09 AM

LI

Thank you Gary - we so appreciate that. We will all miss our little sparkler!

Lisa - June 24, 2020 at 10:02 AM

SM

“ *Sean & Bridget Martin lit a candle in memory of Dorothy "Dotti" J. Bittner Roberts*



Sean & Bridget Martin - June 22, 2020 at 09:40 PM

LI

Thank you so much. I know my mom would be touched. Lisa

Lisa - June 24, 2020 at 10:03 AM

TO

“ We met Dotti while singing together in the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir in Columbus. We became fast friends...Dotti was everyone’s friend! She would host members of the choir at her pool house, we picnicked together at the Columbus Symphony summer concerts, attended the Columbus Museum’s “Jazz in the Garden” concerts, went to Scioto Downs racetrack with church parish members, discovered Shadowbox Cabaret together...so many good times! We watched her kids grow up...we send them and the rest of her family our heartfelt sympathies and love. Love, love, love. We are better people having known Dotti — and we miss her very much.

Tim O’Neill & Mark McGuire
Columbus, OH



Tim O'Neill - June 22, 2020 at 09:17 PM

LH

That was beautiful - and so true. Thank you Tim and Mark. She really is pretty fabulous- she'll give the choirs of angels a few pointers! Love the picture

Lisa Hilliker - June 23, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JB

Thank you Tim and Mark, and what a great picture and fun times. I can only imagine the fabulous party that Mom and Joel are planning for us when it's our time to join them.

John Buscemi - June 24, 2020 at 09:38 AM

TB

“ 4 files added to the album *From the Burnetts*



Tiffany Burnett - June 22, 2020 at 06:32 PM

TB

“ *“They are our adopted grandparents.” We’ve been saying that ever since we met Ms. Dotti and Mr. Len. We were invited over to their home for dinner, one time, and we instantly had seats saved for us at church every week and a steady stream of treats for the kids throughout the years. On birthdays as well as other celebrations we could always count on “yes, +2” for Ms. Dotti and Mr. Len. I actually never had to take pictures because she always had her camera in hand. I have a few pictures of her to share, but she was always behind the camera. Our kids were always excited to see her and tell her their latest adventures. Dotti is very much present in our home; quilts, trick or treat bags, little stuffed animals, trivets and Christmas stockings. These are now extremely cherished treasures and remind us that we are blessed to have been a part of her life.*

Forever in our hearts,

The Burnetts

Bryan, Tiffany, Jamie, PJ, Jack and Alex

Tiffany Burnett - June 22, 2020 at 06:28 PM

LH

Tiffany, that sounds like my mom! She truly gave from her heart and I felt like I knew each of your little ones. She adores your family. I love all of the little goodies she made for them - she loved being a Nana to them and spoiling them. Thank you for the beautiful words. She treasured you all as you treasure you. Hugs to you and your family and again - thank you. My heart is full... ❤️

Lisa Hilliker - June 23, 2020 at 06:53 PM

LH

*Oops: *...she treasured you all as you treasured HER (not you). :)*

Lisa Hilliker - June 23, 2020 at 06:56 PM

TB

If you or anyone of your family need anything, anything at all while you're in town, please don't hesitate to call. Len has both my number and my husbands. ❤️

Tiffany Burnett - June 24, 2020 at 05:50 PM

LF

*“ I am so sorry to hear about Dotti. You've been in my thoughts and prayers. I'm grateful to have been able to spend some time with you both last summer. Love you Uncle Len!
Lori & Ed Flinger*

Lora Flinger - June 22, 2020 at 05:49 PM