



Dorothy Louise Beasley

August 29, 1923 - December 24, 2017

Dorothy Louise Beasley, 94, of the Kankakee area, formerly of Francisco, IN, passed away on December 24, 2017 at Miller Healthcare in Kankakee. She was born on August 29, 1923 in Francisco, IN, the daughter of Claude and Esther (Buttrum) Norrick. Dorothy married James Beasley on August 23, 1947 in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2006.

Dorothy retired in 1980 after 24 years of teaching in District 111. Prior to teaching in Kankakee, she taught in Herscher Schools for 8 years and Weldon Kincaid for 1.5 years. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Master's from Bradley University in Peoria, and her Doctorate from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Dorothy was a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church and also a member of Kankakee County Retired Teachers.

She enjoyed travelling, knitting, crafting, photography and gardening.

She is survived by one daughter Jane Underwood of Bourbonnais; one grandson Shawn Underwood of Beaverville; one step granddaughter Theresa Tiger of Bourbonnais; two great-grandchildren Shawn Michael Underwood and Jessica Underwood; two step-great-grandchildren Rebecca Tiger and Jacob Tiger; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Zola Bradshaw, three brothers Walter Norrick, Eldon Norrick and Kenneth Norrick, and one son-in-law Ken Underwood.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, December 29, 2017 at 2pm, with

visitation time starting at 12pm, at Schreffler Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Burial will follow at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel
1100 N. Convent St.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-2421

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Louise Beasley*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Mrs. Beasley was my 6th grade teacher at Taft Elementary in 1959; because my family moved at the Christmas break, I was only in her class for the Fall semester that year. She gave me my one and only "F" (well deserved, I might add) in all my years as a student. And then, she very respectfully taught me about personal responsibility and accountability and then gave me another chance to complete the assignment. Whatever of my ABC's she may have taught me, this was a life lesson that is memorable to this day. A truly loving and caring teacher and mentor of young minds. My life is certainly enriched by having been her student.*

Bob Court - December 29, 2017 at 06:53 PM



Mrs Beasley was my 5th grade teacher at Steuben School in 1962-1963. My favorite teacher of all time, she taught all her students responsibility, fairness and kindness, as well as academics. I was unhappy to be in her class for the first two weeks of that school year, but she won me over fairly quickly with her positive teaching methods. She was a tough cookie but always, always fair. She also had a sense of humor which would pop out occasionally and delight all of us. I was unsatisfied with my plain name, Jane, that year and she indulged me by letting me sign everything as Jayne...a small thing, but huge for me. I never forgot how she took the time to try and understand my 10 year old mind. She was the perfect teacher and a lovely lady.

Jane Breunig Wanamaker - February 22, 2020 at 05:09 AM

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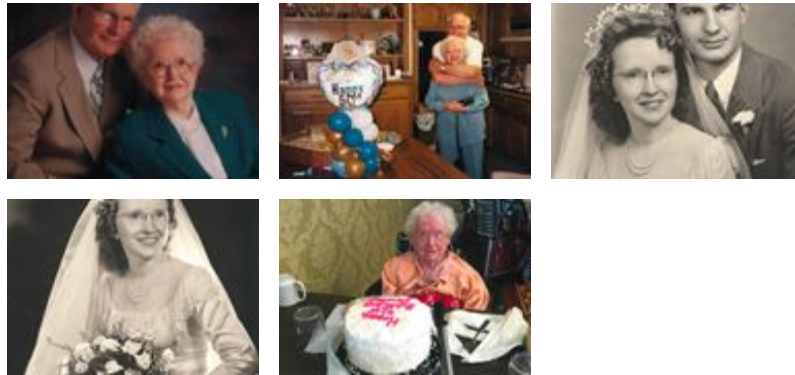
“ Mrs. Beasley was my 6th grade teacher at Steuben School in Kankakee in the 60s. She was my favorite teacher. Condolences to her family.



Audrey Likander Ward - December 29, 2017 at 11:00 AM



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Schreffler Funeral Home - December 28, 2017 at 11:10 AM

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“ I remember Mrs. Beasley when she was at Taft grade school in the 1960s. I think she taught 6th grade. I was only in the first grade at the time. At lunch she would blow her whistle when the chatter got to loud.

Paul Ziemer - December 28, 2017 at 10:56 AM

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“ Mrs. Beasley was a favorite teacher of mine. At Herscher Grade school 3rd and 6th grades. She was a sweet lady.

Carol - December 28, 2017 at 09:38 AM