



Obituary

Born: Thursday, October 23, 1930

Died: Saturday, February 1, 2020

The life of Dottie Conkright was as full of color and excitement as the rainbow reflection of the sun shining through a stained-glass window. The bright colors joyously danced for Dorothyann Bartlett on the day she was born, October 23, 1930. She was born in Griggsville, Illinois where bread cost 8¢, sugar was 49¢ for 10 lbs, gallon of gas was 10¢ and rent was around \$18 a month. Her parents were Kyle and Mildred (Fowler) Bartlett. Kyle worked with racehorses for a large portion of his life. Mildred did laundry, worked at the shoe factory and later, she also worked with racehorses. Dorothy was the eldest of 6. Her siblings were: twins Carl and Carol, Dora (Zumwalt), Larry, and Karon (Burbridge)

Dottie graduated from Griggsville in 1948. As a child she loved roller skating, the library, and the movies. Her favorite classes were Latin and business. She often bragged she typed so fast a friend had to hold the typewriter to keep it from bouncing off the table.

As the sun gets brighter the colors intensify, reflecting the life she had created. On March 27, 1948, she married Gerald Conkright. They enjoyed the farm life in rural Griggsville. They had five children: Steve, Cathy, Tracey, Aaron, and Galen. Dottie enjoyed being a farm wife and mom. Throughout her life she worked as a soda jerk, in the apples, at the Trio, as a florist and a Home Health provider. In 1977, she attended and graduated from the American Floral Institute in Chicago.

Dottie was an active wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a 4-H leader, involved with PTA, band boosters, room mother, Sunday School teacher and the Barry Apple Festival Committee. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Dottie had a passion for writing. She wrote poetry, a weekly article for local newspapers, and short stories. One poem entitled "The Awakening" was published in an anthology called "The Falling Rain". She also wrote two books, Hoofbeats of the Heart, and Where the Dandelions Bloom.

Dottie passed away on February 1, 2020 at the Barry Community Care Center. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gerald; and two brothers, Carol and Carl. Survivors include sisters, Dora Zumwalt of Pittsfield and Karon Burbridge of Pittsfield; brother Larry Bartlett of Gilbert, Arizona; her children: Steve Conkright of the Quincy Vets home; Cathy and Melvin Budd of Lacon, IL; Tracey and Peggy Conkright of Pittsfield; Aaron Conkright of Canton, MO; and Galen and Cindy Conkright of Barry; 12

Service Summary

Visitation

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, Sat Feb 08, 2020

Niebur Funeral Chapel

629 Mortimer
Barry, Illinois 62312

Memorial Service

1:00 PM Sat Feb 08, 2020

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grandchildren; and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

Services will be held at Niebur Funeral Chapel in Barry on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Visitation will be 12 – 1, with a memorial service to follow at 1:00 pm. Burial will be at Gray Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials can be made to Barry First Responders.

As the sun finally sets, the bright colored reflection slowly fades, but the memory is made and will last forever.

Charitable donations may be made in Dorothyann's memory to the following organization:

Barry First Responders