



## Miss Dorotha Dean Sellers

August 2, 1920 - February 8, 2014

Miss Dorotha D. Sellers, 93 of Poneto passed away at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Dorotha was born on August 2, 1920 near Poneto, Indiana to Emory Bing Sellers and Nora L. (Doyle) Sellers. She was a graduate of Petroleum High School. Miss Sellers holds a bachelor's degree in education from Manchester College, a master's degree from Ball State University and graduate work from University of Colorado. Her graduate work in music was from Indiana University, IU-Purdue Central and Ball State University.

Miss Sellers taught at Lancaster Central Elementary from 1985-6 school year after teaching 43 years in the Wells County School. Miss Sellers started her teaching career by traveling each week to teach music and art in three different Harrison Twp. Schools to grades 1 to 8. Throughout her teaching, she has recorded the names of 5,900 boys and girls who participated in her music class.

Miss Sellers received the 1968 Community Service Award presented at the Wells County Fish Fry for the outstanding service rendered beyond the normal call of teaching duties with the carious concerts and programs given by the high school music groups.

She is preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Margaret Sellers and Ruth T. Sellers, along with a brother, Leroy Thomas Sellers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Mr. Ted Ellis will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 9 to 11 prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Van Buren Cemetery Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Foundation Scholarship Fund. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Van Buren Cemetery

3870 N 900 E  
Van Buren, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Miss Dorotha Dean Sellers*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Miss Sellers was my music teacher from first grade through 8th. Largely because of her, I became a music teacher too. She always treated each of her students with respect. She didn't allow any monkey business which I appreciated. I have many fond memories of her concerts and musicals. Everytime I put together a musical for my students, I felt that same excitement from many years ago! She will be missed.*

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**Mary Barrios** - February 12, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ *RIP, Miss Sellers. Your music classes will always be a part of my good memories at Lancaster Elementary. Thank you for sharing your love of music with so many of us. The impact you've made is immeasurable.*

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**Angie (Koons) Chasey** - February 21, 2014 at 08:26 PM



“ *Miss Sellers was our music teacher at Vera Cruz in the 40's. In 1943 my cousin , Roy Stebing, was in the navy in a landing craft group . He sent me a piece of sheet music describing the "Anphibions". Miss Sellers played and taught us to sing it. Talk about excited, we sang that tune around our house for years and its still in my head. Miss Dorotha Sellers was a wonderful teacher and person. May GOD bless her in Heaven. Jerry Croy*

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**Jerry Croy** - February 13, 2014 at 03:25 PM

RC

“ *Ron Captain lit a candle in memory of Miss Dorotha Dean Sellers*



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**Ron Captain** - February 11, 2014 at 05:59 PM

BP

“ *If she only knew how many times her name has been mentioned in the past several years....40 plus years after she had me as a student. Myself and others when we talk about our love and "knowledge" of music, singing in particular, usually end up mentioning the influence Miss Sellers had on us. Talk about a talented and sweet lady! Becky Gerber Pfister - class of 1968*

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**Becky Gerber Pfister** - February 10, 2014 at 09:18 PM

RI

“ *I have pleasant Lancaster memories that include Miss Sellers! She was one of my favorite teachers. She kept order but was always loving and kind. In her class was where I first learned that the piano does not always have to play the melody line to make a song sound wonderful - she introduced harmony :)*

*Rachel (Gerber) Isch*

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**Rachel Isch** - February 10, 2014 at 07:50 PM



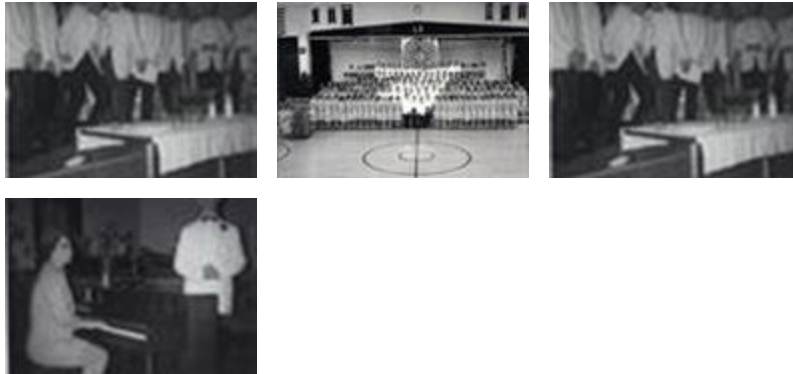
“ I, Gary Daugherty, was one of her music students of 1965. I must say she was the finest teacher and person that I have ever met. Although she was 26 years my senior, I loved and still love this wonderful person of my life. There is music playing in Heaven forever now. I love you.

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**Gary Daugherty** - February 10, 2014 at 05:25 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Gary Daugherty** - February 10, 2014 at 05:19 PM

GH

“ I had Miss Sellers all 12 years at Lancaster. And in elementary school she was even my art teacher. I always appreciated that she taught us different types of music not just what she thought would be popular with the students. She taught us about the composers as well. Remember the Christmas programs (12 Days of Christmas was one of them- our grade was the pipers), Operaettas, Variety Shows and Minstrels (couldn't do those now, but they were a part of history and were great!). In the spring the high school choir did concerts at local churches. Can still picture her playing the piano and directing us. Think of her often when I hear a certain song - especially the Hallelujah Chorus. She taught all my siblings before me and my 3 children. She will always hold a special place in my thoughts and heart. She was a true blessing to Lancaster Central Elementary and High School!  
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly

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**Glennis (Schoeff) Henly** - February 10, 2014 at 04:09 PM

WS

“ Wilma Mounsey Satterfield lit a candle in memory of Miss Dorothea Dean Sellers



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**Wilma Mounsey Satterfield** - February 10, 2014 at 02:18 PM

BC

“ Miss Sellers was a tireless music teacher: Sunday pm concerts at area churches, annual music concerts, musicals,etc. She encouraged us to compete at regional and state music contests. Singing with her at Lancaster was truly an experience.

Norwell graduate 1968

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**Becky Mann Copeland** - February 10, 2014 at 01:38 PM

SB

*I also remember the many concerts at area churches, all the programs we did at school!!!!!!!!!! I always enjoy them!!! I will miss her!!!!!!!!*

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**Sharon ( Breedlove ) Binegar** - February 10, 2014 at 05:49 PM

DH

“ *She will be missed. Loved singing in the chorus, those spring concerts, state music contests. I remember those green wool outfits, turquoise sets, at that time I didn't really care for them, but it taught us a lot on presentation. She is singing with the angels in heaven. Prayers are with the family.*

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**Donna (Blew) Hammel** - February 10, 2014 at 11:01 AM

KG

“ *She was a wonderful music teacher. Loved all the musicals we did at Lancaster.*

*Kay Gerber*

*Class 1974*

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**kay gerber** - February 10, 2014 at 09:22 AM

PB

“ I was reading the tributes and reflecting too on the wonderful times spent in Choir under Miss Sellers . I've used her many times as an example of a true teacher. I learned so much from her...When we would have our Spring Concerts we would end the program with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel...To this day I can still sing my part and know to stand whenever it is performed. My senior year our girl's sextet won gold at the Indiana Music Contest....to be honest I think Miss Sellers was pleasantly surprised. We had practiced "I Feel Pretty" so many times I could sing it in my sleep! But we wanted so much to bring home that gold prize. So now I know she is singing and playing with all those other dedicated music teachers and musicians who not only loved what they did but more importantly loved the young people they taught! Thanks Miss Sellers you will truly be missed. Phyllis (Hurraw) Barger

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**Phyllis L. Barger** - February 10, 2014 at 08:54 AM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**CV** - February 10, 2014 at 07:52 AM

SF

“ I have waaaaay too many wonderful memories of being a music student at Lancaster to share just one! Miss Sellers was a gifted lady with the patience of a saint! I graduated in 1962 and it was so fun to see my daughter enjoying music under Miss Seller's direction in 1984 when she became a student at Lancaster. Dorotha instilled the love of music in many young people during her years as a teacher. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel who will make beautiful music!



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**Sandy Geist Funk** - February 10, 2014 at 12:11 AM

TW

“ I had the advantage to grow up knowing all three sisters. Dorotha tried to teach me how to play the piano but I was all thumbs, so I took up drums. when our son was born the sisters were so glad to have a small one around that they showed him great love. She will be dearly missed. Thomas J. Waggaman

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**thomas waggaman** - February 09, 2014 at 07:59 PM

TW

“ As a young person growing up, I had many opportunities to spend time at the family farm. She tried to teach me how to play the piano ,but due to my not being able to play a scale the drums were a better choice. As grew up I had a chance to experience her caring for people. Her and her sisters were very caring people. When my son was born they all thought he was special , and lavished him with many things of special interest.

*Thomas J. Waggaman*

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**thomas Waggaman** - February 09, 2014 at 07:39 PM

MB

“ *Miss Sellers was my music teacher at Lancaster for eight years. She helped me decide to take piano lessons at age eight. Now I'm a piano teacher and a music teacher at a school. I have her to thank for lighting the spark!* ”

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**Mary Sorg Barrios** - February 09, 2014 at 03:56 PM

CH

“ *Miss Sellers was loved by all students at Lancaster School. I took private piano lessons from her. She was so kind and patient. What a great person and teacher!* ”

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**Carol Baumgartner Harness** - February 09, 2014 at 05:31 AM