



Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback

September 9, 1923 - March 8, 2022

Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback 98 of Bluffton passed away Tuesday morning March 8, 2022 at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton. Dotty was born September 9, 1923 in Chicago, IL to Clarence George and Florence (Frey) Dittmann. She was a 1941 graduate of Lyons Township High School in Lagrange, IL. She also attended Purdue University.

On April 10, 1943 in River Forest, IL Dotty married William M. Fryback. He preceded her in death on February 8, 2010.

Dotty assisted her husband Bill with the family business (Fryback Ice Cream Company). Dotty started "Happy Hours" a monthly Luncheon for Senior Citizens in 1972. She was a member of the Psi-Iota-Xi, past president of the Foltz Club, past president of the Park Central PTA, and past president of the PTA Presidents Group. She also served as a Cub Pack and Girl Scout Leader. Dotty was awarded the Wells County Community Service Award and the Business Professional Women of the Year Award. Dotty was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church serving on the board of Deacons, Elders and Trustees. She enjoyed her time painting with the Brushing Broads.

Dotty is survived by a daughter Jennifer (William) Hilgedag of Indianapolis, two sons; John W. (Teresa King) Fryback of Stamford, CT, James C. (Stephanie) Fryback of Leesburg, a daughter-in-law Elaine Fryback of

Jacksonville, FL, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill Fryback, a son Air Force Lt. Col. C. George Fryback and a grandson, Nicholas George Fryback, two sisters: Beatrice Vokes and Verne McCarthy.

A private family service will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. There will be a public calling from 12pm – 2pm also at the funeral home prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the Creative Arts Center or to the donor's choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Fryback family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ A lovely, lovely Christian lady! I never saw Dottie without a smile on her face. She was delightful and a wonderful role model for all. God bless your family as you mourn the loss of your sweet "Dottie". Much love from the Hunts!
Dan and Christine



Christine and Dan Hunt - March 15, 2022 at 08:06 PM



“ Dear Jim and Family,
I was able to create a new friendship during your mom's time at River Terrace. My dad was in assisted living for several years. Consequently, I visited regularly for the free coffee and conversation with Dotty and her team. Dotty always had a riddle for me and a thought of the week - which she sometimes had to write to protect the other women. (She made me laugh.) I visited her room and enjoyed her art. I have One of her pictures of the Wabash River hanging in my office to be reminded of her friendship. Dotty Fryback was a special woman and a love and appreciation for her family and life. -I used her name often during the small talks I did on Sunday mornings. Your mom had a strong, inspiring faith. God Bless and Take Care.
Mike Pettibone

Mike Pettibone - March 11, 2022 at 08:01 PM

TB

“ Oh, how we'll miss Dotty Fryback! She was an iconic friend to our community because her values were matched by her diligence. She was loyal to the artists' group, where she was admired for being productive, humorous, and a resource for advice on technique. Her support for local causes was reliable. The strength of her example could serve to inspire others. And she could always be counted on to supply cookies! We offer our condolences to her family.

Tom and Maureen Butler - March 11, 2022 at 10:07 AM

CB

“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback by Cory and Inger Boggess.

Suzi, Rudy and family- We are so very sorry for your loss. May your cherished memories with Gma Dot bring you peace during this difficult time.

Cory and Inger Boggess - March 11, 2022 at 10:07 AM

NH

“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback by Nicole (Fryback) Heineken.

In loving memory of Grandma Dot.

Nicole (Fryback) Heineken - March 11, 2022 at 10:07 AM

CH

“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback by Chris & Sarah Poore, Carolyn & Justin Holland.

To Jim and Steph Fryback. We are all thinking of you during this time of loss. Chris & Sarah Poore, Carolyn & Justin Holland. We love you guys.

Chris & Sarah Poore, Carolyn & Justin Ho - March 11, 2022 at 10:06 AM

JM

“ *What a pleasure it was to meet Ditties at the Monday morning duplicate bridge club when Chuck and I moved back to Indiana. I loved her competitive spirit and learned a great deal from her. One of my favorite memories was taking a small snow scene painting by Dottie to my daughter in hot and humid Vietnam. She will be missed.*

Joan Moon - March 11, 2022 at 10:06 AM

C(

“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback by Cindy Clutter (Vokes).

Dear Jeni, John and Jim, I will miss my weekly conversations with your mom. We enjoyed reminiscing about past family events. Love Cindy Vokes Clutter

Cindy Clutter (Vokes) - March 11, 2022 at 10:05 AM

DS

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Debra Smith - March 11, 2022 at 10:05 AM

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Trudy L Murray - March 11, 2022 at 10:05 AM

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CL

“ *I consider myself privileged to have known Dottie. She had a contagious effervescent enthusiasm for everything she did. It is a comfort to know that she is at last reunited with her husband, whose assistant I once was. Craig Leonard*

Craig Leonard - March 11, 2022 at 10:03 AM

LM

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the Fryback family!* 🙏

Lois Murray - March 11, 2022 at 10:03 AM

BM

“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback by Bub, Laura, Trey and Joshua Meehan.*

A tree was also planted in memory of Dorothy F. "Dotty" Fryback.

Condolences to you and your family!

Bub, Laura, Trey and Joshua Meehan - March 11, 2022 at 10:03 AM

DG

“ Very sorry to learn of Dotty’s passing. She was such a wonderful lady and very talented. I’ll always remember the grand tour of her apt at River Terrace of all her paintings. She taught my best friend Emma Fuller how to paint those lovely birds. Years ago my scout troop would help her set up the table and chairs for senior time at the church. One thing about Dotty she was never afraid to tell you what was on her mind. I sure that Bill and Dotty are having a good time visiting and being together in Heaven. God Bless and the Fryback family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - March 11, 2022 at 10:02 AM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts & Prayers for the family.

Sandra Davis - March 11, 2022 at 10:02 AM