



Dorothy "Dot" Lawton

January 6, 1936 - May 2, 2016

Dorothy Lou "Dot" Lawton, 80, passed away Monday, May 2nd at her home in Jefferson. Services will be Friday May 6th, 10:30 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson. Visitation will be Thursday, May 5th, from 5 - 8p.m. at Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home in Jefferson.

Dot, daughter of, Cyril and Luella (Gardemann) Boddicker, was born January 6, 1936, at her family farm near Newhall, Iowa. She graduated valedictorian with the Newhall class of 1953. She played basketball during her four years of high school, wearing the lucky number "22." She met Gerald during that time while he was teaching and coaching at Newhall. Following her graduation, Dot attended Iowa State College for the summer and went on to work at Stamates Publishing Co. in Cedar Rapids until she and Gerald were married on February 27, 1954.

Dot & Gerald made their home in Floyd, Iowa, for a year before moving back to the family farm, near Cooper. As many people say, "Dot became a vital part of the community as soon as she 'hit town.'" Along with her favorite job of being a mother to her five children, she was active in the United Methodist Church, Franklin Culture Club, Congregate Meals, bridge clubs, and Franklin 4-H.

Dot "produced" the Christmas Eve program at the Cooper United Methodist Church for many, many years. She enlisted the help of others along with the participation of any child that attended the service. It was a production enjoyed by all.

Dot's life was as full as it could possibly be. She never stopped. Basketball games and other sporting events were a huge part of life for Gerald and Dot. They did not miss a girl's state basketball tournament in the 52 years of marriage. After Gerald's passing in 2006, Dot continued to attend the girl's tournaments, including every game in 2016. She enjoyed traveling with friends and attending the Friday Night and Birthday groups.

"Grandma Dot", as she was known by any child that met her, especially enjoyed watching

her grand-children and great-grandchildren participate in their many activities. Dot was also known for the food she shared with everyone, including her famous scotcheroos, brownies, potato salad and thousands of ham balls.

Dot and her very good friend, Marty Scheuermann, were known to take off at the drop of a hat if something fun or interesting was happening within a 300+ mile radius. The Cooper community was Dot's extended family, and her legacy will most certainly live on.

However, Dot's biggest legacy is the love she shared with her family.

She is survived by sons, Doug (Karen) of Cooper, Ron (Jane) of Jefferson, Todd (Amy) of Dallas Center and daughters Ann Lawton of Jefferson, Karin Lawton-Dunn of Grimes. Grandchildren, Kati (Will) Nailor of Indianola, Diana (Justin) Towers of Jefferson, Lance Lawton of Des Moines, Crystal Lawton (Shawn) Scheuermann of Paton, Autum (Reed) Larson of Jamaica, Ethan, Bridget, & Kylie Dunn of Grimes, and Drew & Nic Lawton of Dallas Center, seven great-grandchildren, Cooper, Maggie, & Wesley Nailor of Indianola, Nathan & Natalie Towers of Jefferson, and Gavin and Haley Scheuermann of Paton. Sister, Marcia Dircks of Rochester, MN; also surviving are nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband: Gerald Lawton, parents: Cyril and Luella Boddicker, Sister: Maryls Boddicker, and In-laws Harvey and Nellie Lawton. Also preceding Dot were grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other special relatives and friends.

Cemetery

Events

Franklin Township
Cemetery

MAY 5 Visitation with family present to greet friends 05:00PM - 08:00PM

Greene County, IA,

Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home
119 West Lincolnway, Jefferson, IA, US, 50129

MAY 6 Funeral Service 10:30AM

First United Methodist Church
307 South Wilson Street, Jefferson, IA, US, 50129

Comments



“ Doug and Karen and all the family
So sorry you lost Dot, what a great nickname. I am sure you shared a lot of tears and funny stories. Hoping to hear some of them in a few weeks.
I look forward to seeing you both.
Best regards,

CUDDY

Mark Cuddy - May 25, 2016 at 12:14 PM



“ Was shocked today when I saw that Dot had passed. She was my school mate and very good friend. We played sports together and even sang a duet at Christmas time during a school assembly. Some of us had plans to get together this summer and had fun a couple summers ago meeting 5 other classmates. I have met a couple of you children and wanted you to know that I know how much she will be missed. Had I known earlier I certainly would have been there. J'Andrea Kolsto Gibney

J'Andrea Kolsto Gibney - May 05, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ Doug & families, You have our sympathies of the passing of your mother. We just went through the same on April 11th. With my mom & mother in law Lurline Gardemann. How bizarre when we mailed Doug the article from the gazette Back in Feb. Awesome article! keep the memories alive in your hearts. thinking of u all. Mike & Angie Gardemann

agardemann - May 05, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ Bob Rentfrew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



Bob Rentfrew - May 05, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ Dorothy Lou grew up across the road from me and we played together at home and in school. We were not in the same class but we rode the school bus together. Our parents spent time together socially playing card and going to dances. They then moved into Newhall and eventually my parents bought their house when they built a new one and when they died I inherited that home and sold it in 2014.

What a shock when I opened the paper and saw she had passed away. We had kept n touch with Christmas cards, letters and phone calls all these years. I am so sorry for your loss she was the matriarch of your family. You are so blessed to have had her for so long.

Marilyn Povlick Lee

Marilyn Povlick Lee - May 05, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



May 05, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



May 05, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



May 05, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ I have warm memories of my acquaintance with Dorothy "Dot" Lawton in the years that Cooper Cattle Company had farming operations in Ringgold county. It was usually Dot who answered my telephone calls and referred them to Gerald. She always made me feel my call was very important. Later on meeting Dot personally I found Dot to be very talented and very engaged in community activities and totally supportive of all the family activities. My life was enriched by my association with Dot and Gerald Lawton.
Wm H "Bill" French, Ringgold County Iowa

Wm French - May 05, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ My mom Martha Walston told me how sad she was Dot passed. Many hours spent over earlier years at ball games together etc. when my younger brother Marty was in school. She was a real peach. Carol Godfrey Davis.

carol Davis - May 05, 2016 at 06:10 AM



“ My sympathy to all of you. I so wish I lived closer so that I could come honor Dot's life and legacy. When I told my girls of her passing, Lauren said, "That's the nice lady who brought marshmallows to Grandma's for a bonfire" and Grace said, "She taught me how to dive at the pool." I will remember her for her kindness, humor, and sense of adventure...always ready to go anywhere and try anything. I am grateful for the friendship that she and Mom have had. It will be quite an adjustment for Mom. I was thinking about Dot today and these things came to mind: popcorn, late nights, Pepsi from the porch, ping pong and the pool, 4-H, small Snickers from the corner cupboard, dry off before you come in, best brownies around, Christmas Eve program at Cooper, her laughing while she tilted her head back a little, and how great she was with any kid around. Love and prayers to all of you, Traci Scheuermann Houts

Traci Houts - May 04, 2016 at 10:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



May 04, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ Brad, Joan and Hope Warren purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



Brad, Joan and Hope Warren - May 04, 2016 at 07:37 PM



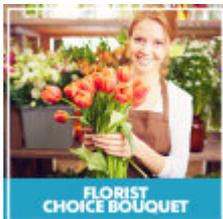
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



May 04, 2016 at 05:52 PM



“ DC-G Mustangs Basketball and Baseball Teams purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



DC-G Mustangs Basketball and Baseball Teams - May 04, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ Love, Chris and Valarie Gibson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



Love, Chris and Valarie Gibson and family - May 04, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ Deepest sympathy for your great loss.
The Kinmans

Kinmans - May 04, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ Thank you so very much!

Karin - May 04, 2016 at 08:38 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



May 04, 2016 at 04:30 PM



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Jane Rowland - May 04, 2016 at 04:06 PM



“ This was a fun day at Okoboji!

Jane Rowland - May 04, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ Looks fun! :-)

Karin - May 04, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ Fairbank and Lane Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Lawton.



Fairbank and Lane Families - May 04, 2016 at 12:45 PM