



## Dorothy Berkstresser

July 10, 1918 - January 27, 2015

Dorothy Hiawatha Berkstresser, age 96, passed away peacefully in the company of love and her family on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 in Denver, CO. She was born July 10, 1918 to Henry Thomas and Rosa (Rastorfer) Houser at Gladstone, MO.

On January 23, 1941 in Versailles MO, she was married to George W. Berkstresser, Jr., who preceded her in death. Dorothy and George were married 58 years, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 1991. On February 20, 1999 Dorothy lost her beloved George after a lengthy illness, in which Dorothy lovingly cared for him for fourteen years. Others preceding her in death were her parents, her beloved daughter Loretta (9/10/66) and brothers Everett Houser (4/05/07), Bethel Houser (5/14/97) and Vernon Houser (2/22/08).

Surviving are her children, George Will, III (Bill) & Carole Berkstresser of Colorado Springs, CO; Rosie & Earl Loveall of Hudson, FL; Marilyn & Bob Minkin of Denver, CO; and Diane & Dan Davis of Lakewood, CO. Nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren along with other relatives.

Among Dorothy's many hobbies were sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, cooking, canning and reading, She most enjoyed spending time with her

family, growing African Violets and gardening. Dorothy loved being outdoors and actively remained on the family farm until 2005, when she divided her time with her children.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2015 at Kidwell Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with visitation be held from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Friday prior to service.

Burial will follow at the Versailles Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

## Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ I remember the first time I met her. I asked what I should call her she ever so sweetly said " Grandma ". And that she was without a doubt the best grandma ever. I will dearly miss her.

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**Christine "Tina" Pliszka** - November 16, 2016 at 03:31 PM

 Charles Moles

“ Rosie, how could I ever forget the sweet smile your mom always had when I would say it was good to see her at Sunday School, and I would always tell her how pretty her hair was, she was special, and we enjoyed her time here on earth with us, and you are special, because of the great care and love you shared on her.

*Barbara and Charles Moles*

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**Charles Moles** - February 14, 2015 at 08:16 PM

LL

“ I will always remember her. German Cholocate cake and pear butter, I have looked for some over the years ... But none.... Comes close to hers!!!!

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**Linda Loveall** - February 14, 2015 at 06:40 PM

BP

“ Rosie we remember when you and Earl would bring Dorothy over to our house and she would pick a lemon. She thought it was so neat and so did we. Love and miss you.

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**Bill and Blanche Putnam** - February 13, 2015 at 12:22 PM

BR

“ Rosie, Bill, Diane and Marilyn - I am sorry to hear of Aunt Dorothy's passing. I would have been there except for being in Washington and Oregon with Sarah Jane and could not...I keep the family in my prayers and you most assuredly have my condolences. I was glad to see all the pictures -Of course, knew Bill, and hopefully have you other 3 in the right order... I still remember all the good times when Dad and Mom loaded all us kids up to go to "George and Dorothy's" -- and we always, always had a wonderful time! Miss keeping up with you all.

*Love and Prayers,*

*Betty L. Rowe*

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**Betty L. Rowe** - February 12, 2015 at 10:45 PM

JS

“ Rosie and Marilyn it was such a honor and pleasure for me to have known your sweet Mother. I remember the times she spent with the BB's on our game nights. She had such a sweet smile. Now I know where you got your good looks and sweet smiles from. She left such a mark on my heart and I was blessed to have known her. Though she will be missed how wonderful to know that we shall all meet again. Love you and thank you for sharing her with us.  
*Jeanne Spatz*

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**Jeanne Spatz** - February 12, 2015 at 04:01 PM

EP

“ *Diane and Marilyn what a pleasure for Dave and me to get to know your mom and you. She may have been small in size but she left a big stamp on our hearts. We will miss her delightful smile, twinkle in her eye, her wonderful sense of humor and holding hands. Your Mom left a lifelong impression on us. We feel blessed to have known her during this time of her life.*

*Dave and Liz Price :)*

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**Elizabeth Price** - February 09, 2015 at 02:17 PM

LC

“ *Dear Marilyn and Family, it has been an honor reading about your mom and viewing the pictures, and seeing what a wonderful person she was. You all have been in our thoughts and prayers during this time. May God give you peace and strength.*

*Les Cowger*

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**Les Cowger** - February 07, 2015 at 08:36 AM

DF

“ *Diane, The look on your mother's face as she sat on the back of your boat told everyone how much she enjoyed being there and watching all of us silly people. She never said much but she didn't have to.*

*Doris Foster*

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**Doris Foster** - February 05, 2015 at 12:37 PM



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**Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes** - February 05, 2015 at 10:03 AM

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**Diane Davis** - February 04, 2015 at 10:13 AM

GC

“ *My dearest Diane I had only a few sweet blessing of being in the presence of your mother but the short visits I had with her she was a blessing! she was a treat to be around loved seeing her enjoying our time and your time on the boat! She was an amazing woman! She was a great mother! I could tell by how she has helped you Diane (half pint) be the wonderful person that you are! loving, caring, giving person that you are! I thank her and praise her for blessing us with a daughter like you! we will always cherish her memories*

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**Gaylene Cheatham** - February 03, 2015 at 08:12 PM

LM

“ Dear Marilyn and Family,

*It was very special to have met your mom. She was an impressive lady living on her own and handling everything herself. I loved the stories of her riding the lawn mower. She was strong and a woman of the utmost courage facing the challenges of life. We are thinking of you and your family and sending our love and prayers. Lori and Bob*

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**Lori Malcolm** - February 03, 2015 at 04:44 PM

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**Diane Davis** - February 03, 2015 at 04:36 PM

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“ Diane and Family:

*You were so lucky to have such a wonderful, loving, kind, and funny mom. I know how much she meant to you and your sisters, and I was so happy to get to meet her later in her life. I loved to watch her interact with you, smiling, laughing, and enjoying her relationship with you. I really enjoyed reading the newspaper articles with her, and hearing stories about her life on the farm. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Annie*



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**Annie Rawson** - February 03, 2015 at 11:58 AM

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**Diane Davis** - February 03, 2015 at 09:00 AM

AL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this time of loss of your wonderful, sweet mother. Marilyn, it was such a joy and a privilege to get to know your mom through you. She was such an inspiration to be around. Love, Aldene and family*

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**Aldene** - February 02, 2015 at 05:32 PM

MW

“ *Marilyn*  
*We are all thinking of you and send special prayers to you and your family. Your mom was part of our early times in the dorms for Mom's weekend and through out our lives. I enjoyed time with her in your home visiting about the news and times gone by. She was blessed to have such caring children to be with her throughout this journey.*

*Love*  
*Alphie*

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**Marilyn Whitehead** - February 02, 2015 at 12:03 PM

PM

“ *Marilyn and family-  
We were very saddened to hear of your  
recent loss of your mother. Our hearts go out  
to you and your family at this difficult time.*

*Peg and Greg Mason*



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**Peg Mason** - February 02, 2015 at 12:03 PM

KN

“ *Marilyn and family -*

*You are all in our prayers. You mother was so sweet and dear to all.  
Her legacy lives on in you and your siblings. My mom will enjoy  
having another African Violet aficionado in Heaven to help nurture  
the most perfectly amazing flowers we can ever imagine.*

*Warm thoughts and blessings -  
Kay Neumann-Thomas*

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**Kay Neumann-Thomas** - February 02, 2015 at 11:51 AM

LS

“ *Marilyn - Your XiXi sorority sisters wish to send our thoughts and  
prayers to you and your family.*

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**Leslie Schneider** - February 01, 2015 at 06:06 PM

BM

“ *Dorothy was so easy to love! Gentle, kind and warm each time I ran  
into her. Sometimes she'd hold my hands -which are usually cold-  
and warm my hands in hers. That is how I'll always think of her,  
ready to warm and love anyone in need. Birgit Moran.*

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**Birgit Moran** - January 31, 2015 at 05:03 PM

RT

“ *Diane, so sorry for the loss of your mother, my she R.I.P. You will be in my heart and prayers during this difficult time, My God Be With You..... 1973 classmate Rose Schwintek Thompson....*

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**Rose Schwintek Thompson** - January 29, 2015 at 03:14 PM

JA

“ *Diane, so sorry to read about your mother's passing. Hugs to you. Blessings now and in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Your former classmate...Julie (Hagans) Aikins*

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**Julie Aikins** - January 29, 2015 at 03:08 PM

NH

“ *My dear sweet Dorothy. You were such a beautiful wonderful woman who touched a lot of lives. I will never forget your sparkly personality, great sense of humor and our lunch time together. Your spunk and loving nature will continue to leave a lasting impression on my heart. Rest in peace my sweet Dorothy. My prayers are with your family as they celebrate the life of a wonderful woman :)*  
*Love, Natalie*

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**Natalie H.** - January 28, 2015 at 05:44 PM