



Dorothy Ann Bock

August 7, 1934 - July 24, 2022

Dorothy Ann Bock, age 87, of Laurie, Missouri, passed away on July 24, 2022, at her home with family by her side. Dorothy was born on August 7, 1934, to Henry and Martha Lang in Boonville, Missouri. Dorothy grew up on a farm with her brother Bob and attended St. Peter and Paul High School. In 1952, at age 18, she married the love of her life, James Valentine Bock of Pilot Grove, Missouri. Dorothy and Jim were married for 69 years.

Dorothy and Jim moved to the Kansas City area shortly after their wedding and became active parishioners at St. Therese Catholic Church in Parkville, Missouri. With their family growing, they moved to south Kansas City and were early parishioners at St. Regis Catholic Church. Upon moving to Laurie, they joined St. Patrick's. Dorothy and Jim served as Marriage Preparation Leaders, assisted with marriage annulments, and were leading advocates for the Pro-Life movement. Dorothy and Jim visited and brought Holy Communion to many people in their homes and in the hospital. Dorothy was always willing to help anyone in their time of need. She would drop everything to help others and constantly put others' needs before her own.

Dorothy's greatest joy in life was being a wife, mother and grandmother. Dorothy went above and beyond to make every holiday or celebration special. Dorothy and Jim hosted a "cousins' camp" at their home at the Lake of the Ozarks in the summers for all their grandchildren. The volume and quality of

the cinnamon rolls Dorothy made for every cousins' camp is legendary. When she wasn't taking care of her family, Dorothy liked to square dance. She was an excellent dancer and loved to match her dress with Jim's western shirt. The puffier her skirt, the better! Dorothy enjoyed listening and singing to country music and developed a fondness for popcorn and ice cream. Dorothy liked to play cards and had a beautiful laugh and glowing personality.

As the leader of a large family, Dorothy was a model for organization and logistics. With seven kids and a husband to take care of, Dorothy spent many hours cooking, cleaning, and tending to her family's needs. Dorothy did it with great love and grace. She made all of her family feel extra special. Dorothy remained close to her brother Bob Lang and his wife Alpha of Fayette, Missouri, as well as Jim's seven siblings and their families.

Dorothy stayed in shape by walking vigorously, usually every day. She often prayed the rosary for her children and grandchildren during her walks. She also kept a list of those for whom she needed to say extra special prayers beside her chair and received many calls from others asking her to add someone to her list because she was known for having prayers that could go straight to Jesus. Her faith was manifested in her sweet, loving personality.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her infant son Michael Anthony Bock, who is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in Pilot Grove, Missouri. Survivors include her husband Jim Bock of Laurie, Missouri, daughters Kathy Scaletty (Rick) of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Patti Busse (Dale) of Reeds Spring, Missouri, Becky White (Gary) of Kansas City, Missouri, Tina Kramer (Chris) of Camdenton, Missouri; sons Joe Bock (Sue Lyke) of Columbia, Maryland, Tim Bock (Becky) of Webster Groves, Missouri, John Bock (Laura) of Lee's Summit, Missouri. In addition, she leaves 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Kali Hood, Lake Regional Hospice Team, Fr.

John Schmitz, and the many church members, neighbors, and friends who have supported Dorothy and Jim in this journey.

Services will be held on Thursday, July 28th at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Laurie, MO. Visitation will start at 9:30 with a rosary at 11:00 and Mass at 11:30. A luncheon will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, friends may make a contribution to National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church or Water.org

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
176 Marian Dr.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

Rosary

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ *The many memories I have of the Bock family more my heart. From teaching the kids to Jim giving Thomas his first haircut, every interaction was positive. I know Dorothy was proud of all that her family achieved. She will be missed but her influence remains.*

Maureen Williams - July 29, 2022 at 02:41 PM

TS

“ *I didn't know Dorothy, but Kathy Scaletty is my friend. After reading Dorothy's obituary, I now know why Kathy has such a sweet, loving presence. Over the years I have heard about Jim's devotion to caring for his wife. They shared a love only known by few and have been an example to friends and family for decades. Her legacy will continue with the lives of her family members. I'm so sorry this part of the journey has come to the end. With love, Trish Stiegler*

Trish Stiegler - July 28, 2022 at 01:10 PM

DE

“ *I am so sorry about your loss. Working with the family for almost 3 years now, I feel as if I knew her personally. The sparkle in her eyes and behind her smile shows what an amazing, compassionate woman she was. May her memories live on forever. Thinking about you all.*



Deborah - July 28, 2022 at 12:57 PM

BR

“ So sorry hear hear about Dorothy. What a wonderful couple her and Jim made. Jim is from my hometown of Pilot Grove and also was my barber instructor in Kansas City. Jim conducted my wife's funeral service 7 years ago. Dorothy and Jim visited several times while she was fighting her cancer fight. Prayers to Jim and family.

Bob Rapp - July 27, 2022 at 10:35 AM

JP

“ My sweet Aunt Dorothy. The times that I would join Dorothy and the other aunts and cousins in the kitchen to clean up after the LARGE Bock gatherings at a home or basement of the Catholic Church in Pilot Grove or the home of my grandparents, Emil and Catherine Bock. So many mouths to feed and so many dishes to clean and bowls to scrape. The cleaning task was easier to handle with conversations and catching up on life with her and the other ladies in the kitchen while scrubbing away on those stacks of dishes. She always was there to serve and listen. She was an awesome lady and will be missed....niece Janet Bock Pennington

Janet Pennington - July 27, 2022 at 03:45 AM

MK

Dorothy was our neighbor for years our children attended st Regis grade school and O'Hara high school. We will remember all the Bocks in our prayers and thoughts. God bless all of you. Jim and Mary joe kilp

mary joe and jim kilp - July 27, 2022 at 03:41 PM

SM

What a wonderful lady who also raised a wonderful family! My Jim had open heart surgery 14 days ago so we are unable to attend. She touched our hearts and brought joy to the Laurie Senior Center. Hugs to all the family. Sandy & Jim Mallon

Sandra Mallon - July 28, 2022 at 09:23 AM

JM

“ Jim ... 69 years with a wonderful love is a long time. My heart reaches out to you ... cousin John Miller

John Miller - July 26, 2022 at 06:34 PM

AK

“ Dorothy was my best friends mom. From the moment I met her almost 30 years ago, she made me feel like part of the family. She would invite us over and spoil us with one of her delicious meals, share adventures of her cat (that adopted her), and share stories from Tina's childhood. She loved her family so much. She and Jim are the faces of true, selfless, Christian love. She will be greatly missed.



Amy Kramer - July 25, 2022 at 10:48 PM

MJ

“ I am so sad to learn of Dorothy's passing. What a wonderful role model for so many. I enjoyed having her as a friend during my years as her neighbor.
Marilyn Bohnert Johnson

marilyn bohnert johnson - July 25, 2022 at 10:43 PM