



Dorothy Lee Erickson

April 16, 1928 - April 9, 2023

Dorothy Lee Erickson, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and kindergarten teacher passed away Sunday April 9, 2023. She was 94 years young. She was born April 16, 1928 in Peace Valley, Missouri the daughter of Aldine J. Williford and Anna E. Williford. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Erickson.

Dorothy earned her masters degree in education and taught first grade and kindergarten for 32 years in Versailles, Missouri. During the same time, she opened a health food store and helped run an antiques store with her husband Kenneth.

Dorothy traveled extensively through Europe, the Middle East, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. She lived in Israel many summers before and after retirement. Oftentimes she was by herself in her travels, but she made friends everywhere she went. Her heart always had room for one more person. One of her favorite sayings was "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." She lived by these words to the end.

She is survived by her children, Lydia Davis of Lee's Summit, Jonathan Erickson of Lawrence, Kansas and Faith Gini of Kadesh Barnea Israel as well as seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Bernice Ropiski of Parkville, MD.

Dorothy did not wish services be held on her behalf. Memorial donations on her behalf can be sent to donorschoose.org to support classrooms as teaching children was a large part of her life.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Dorothy is my wife Karen aunt. She was always so happy and brought smiles to everyone she met. She loved to dance and enjoyed the simple things in life. I will miss our conversations on Facebook Portal. Karen has wonderful memories of traveling with her in Egypt.

Jon Arthur Willis - April 27, 2023 at 10:41 PM

DB

“ Dorothy was one in a million. She guided young minds and always had a cheerful smile. I grew up with the Erickson family & cherish those memories always.



Diane Boling - April 20, 2023 at 07:34 AM

RM

“ Regina Myers lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Erickson



Regina Farr Myers - April 18, 2023 at 07:12 PM

KS

“ *It comforted me to know Dorothy was in the world. She and Kenneth were a constant during my years as an elementary administrative assistant in Versailles. She seldom wore anything but a smile on her sweet face. Her students and colleagues all loved her.*

Love you, Dorothy and Kenneth.

Now I will comfort myself with the surety of meeting again in Heaven.

Karen Snelling - April 17, 2023 at 10:10 PM

RW

“ *Rich Williams lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Erickson*



Rich Williams - April 17, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Dorothy*



Chris Kilgroe - April 17, 2023 at 08:00 PM

KG

“ *She was my 1st grade teacher and she was the best!! I'm 68 yrs old and still hold fond memories of her*

Karen German - April 17, 2023 at 02:40 PM

BK

“ She was my first grade teacher and I loved her dearly. She also became my daughter’s kindergarten teacher. What a wonderful woman ❤️

Barb Karigan - April 17, 2023 at 02:36 PM

DB

“ Dorothy was a wonderful teacher, mentor and friend! She always had interesting stories to tell and was the life of the party! I know her death will leave a hole in many lives but oh the memories we all have!!!

Darla Banman - April 17, 2023 at 01:11 PM

NR

“ I am so sorry your loss!

Both Mr and Mrs Erickson were very special people when I was young! To this day I have a small yellow stuffed hippo they gave me when I was probably six! I loved exploring their store!

Dorothy made sure I came and helped with the littles my senior year to help prepare me for my lifelong dream of caring for littles! 35 years later still doing what I love! She meant the world to me!

Neysa Richardson

Neysa Richardson - April 17, 2023 at 01:10 PM

SS

I came from Canada to visit Israel during the early 1990’s, and descended on the Gini Family—and Dorothy! They were incredibly hospitable and lots of fun! I heard a lot about her lovely husband Kenneth, a kind, calm Jimmy Stewart type figure I believe. Tonnes of Missouri warmth in the middle of the Negev Desert, for which I have always held much appreciation.

shannon stevens - June 27, 2023 at 11:53 AM