



Dorothy "Dottie" Virginia Bell

February 21, 1935 - January 20, 2019

Dorothy "Dottie" Bell of Beacon, and longtime resident of Glenham, died peacefully on January 20, 2019. Born February 21, 1935 in Poughkeepsie, NY to Paul Kerr and Carolyn (Fleming) Kerr, Dottie, also known as "Ma Bell" to many, was the fourth of seven children. She grew up on a dairy farm five miles south of Poughkeepsie. Dottie graduated from Oakwood Friends School and attended St. Francis School of Nursing where she earned a degree as a registered nurse. She was a skilled motorcyclist, and among other adventures, made the popular biker pilgrimage to cruise Daytona Beach on her 1948 Indian motorcycle. Dottie married James "Ace" Bell, who predeceased her in 1990. Together they raised eleven children in a beautiful home that supported flower gardens, a large vegetable garden, chickens, a pony and an assortment of other pets. Her green thumb demonstrated the love she put into everything she touched.

Dottie enjoyed hiking the Beacon mountains, biking the Mohonk Preserve, and being in the company of family and friends. Her devotion to her Catholic faith was a guiding light in Dottie's life. She was a daily mass attendee for many years and an active member of St. Joachim's Church in Beacon. Dottie was grateful for a wonderful childhood, her large family, dear friends, and the beauty of the Beacon mountains and the Hudson River. She brought her extended family together with many Christmas parties and summer picnics. Dottie was a wonderful "Grammie." She received great joy from her grandchildren and gave it back to them through her sense of humor, adventures, love, and kindness.

Dottie was a genuinely sweet woman, selfless and kind; she spent many hours assisting those in need with rides to doctor appointments and volunteering for numerous causes. She was an active member of many organizations including the Verplanck Garden Club, the Beacon Historical Society, the Red Hat Society, and was a founding member of the Mount Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society.

Dottie is survived by her children: Marilyn (Brian) Browne, Andrew Bell, Jerry (Virginia) Bell, Eileen (Mike) Casey, Maureen (Mike) Harvey, Greg (Elaine) Bell, Eric (Debbie) Bell, Gordon (Adrienne) Bell, Jim Bell, Dianne (Shawn) Sandison, and Katy (Leonard) Behney;

and her 20 grandchildren: Trevor, Clare, Peter, Renee, Noah, Allison, Ellie, Jennie, Shelby, Emma, Bridget, Aiden, Lucas, Matt, Dorian, Audrey, Ava, Caroline, Gavin, and Milo; by her brothers and sisters: Paul Kerr, Louise Trancynger, Rosemary Martin, Katy (John) Pedersen, and Richard (Diane) Kerr; and by many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dottie was predeceased by her husband, Ace; her sister, Janice; her sister-in-law, Joan Kerr; and her brother-in-law, Hank Trancynger.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street in Beacon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joachim's Church, Beacon, at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2019. Family will attend a private interment immediately following the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mohonk Preserve, the Beacon Historical Society or St. Joachim - St. John the Evangelist Church, Beacon NY.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC

2 Beekman Street PO Box 129, Beacon, NY, US, 12508

JAN **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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St. Joachim Church

51 Leonard Street, Beacon, NY, US, 12508

Comments



“ Brian and Marilyn and family ~ I'm so sorry about the loss of your beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother. She was so lucky to have such a supportive family caring for her. You are in our prayers. Blessings, Maura S. Barrett, St. Thomas Pastoral Care

Maura S. Barrett - January 29 at 01:58 PM



“ Dear Bell family,

My sympathy goes to you all on the passing of your Mom. Each time I drive by the “big white house on the hill” it brings back wonderful memories of life in Glenham. You were blessed with a wonderful family and I will remember your mom in my prayers,

Sincerely, Mary Ann Schetter

Mary Ann Schetter - January 25 at 10:06 AM



“ I have known Mrs. Bell since i was a teenager and stayed with her children when she was then pregnant with her 7th child. She was working an overnight nursing shift at the time and Mr. Bell was working evenings. Over the years, it seems like we ran across each other many times, particulalry when she was working as a private duty nurse at the local hospital. She was always so kind and compassion to everyone.

I so admired her determination to be so actively involved in so many good will causes. She was truly an inspiration to all and will be dearly missed by so many.

My condolences to her family.

Sincerely, Karen Crotty Palumbo

Karen Palumbo - January 24 at 10:49 PM



“ Debi Gendron purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Virginia Bell.



Debi Gendron - January 24 at 01:37 PM



“ Dottie was kind, generous and thoughtful. She will be missed.
Sandra Moneymaker

sandra moneymaker - January 24 at 01:26 PM



“ Rest in Peace, Dottie. We have lost an angel.
With love and prayers,
Willa Skinner

willa skinner - January 24 at 12:51 PM



“ Greg, Our condolences to you and your Family at this time of grieving.
Dad DiGregorio and Alice



Peter DiGregorio - January 24 at 08:27 AM



“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Virginia Bell.



January 24 at 08:04 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Virginia Bell.



January 23 at 12:52 PM



“ Weep not for “Granny Dottie” is smiling from the Good Lord`s Bosom! She left an indelible mark of Faith, Love and Unity in her family. The very first day I met “Granny Dottie,”what a Peaceful Presence she had and what a Gift we had from the Good Lord! She just couldn`t wait to attend Holy Mass and to partake in every bit of the Holy Rite even if it meant kneeling on her painful knees. My family has been fortunate to tap from the Love “Granny Dottie” taught her children and this is particularly evident in our meeting with Marilyn and the family a little over a year ago. Reminds me of the words of St. Augustine: “What does Love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and the needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what Love looks like.” These are ideals one notices when you meet the family she raised. I know the Good Lord couldn`t wait to offer eternal comfort to “Granny Dottie`s soul.”

Amandus Ankobil

Amandus Ankobil - January 23 at 09:49 AM



“ Marilyn,

We are thinking of you so much as you grieve the loss of your sweet Mom. You will all be in our prayers.

With love,

Patti and Eric

Pat Amering - January 22 at 07:00 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Virginia Bell.



January 22 at 05:50 PM



“ Rich & Jill Orlando purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Virginia Bell.



Rich & Jill Orlando - January 22 at 02:41 PM



“ Gregg,

We have caught a glimpse of the wonderful person your Mom was through the words of others. All our love and heartfelt sympathies to you and your family.

Aunt chick, Uncle Stu and Maria



Grayston - January 22 at 02:40 PM



“ Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Virginia Bell.



January 22 at 11:45 AM



“ Lou and I were very saddened to hear of your dear mother's passing. We will always remember her infectious smile, her winning personality , her kindness to all , but most of all, her love of family! We are blessed that our daughter married into such an amazing family. Our hearts and prayers are with the Bell family during this very sad time. Rest in peace, dear Dottie! Lovingly, Pat and Lou Orlando

Pat Orlando - January 22 at 08:01 AM



“ Our condolences to Greg & Elaine Bell and the Bell Family at this time.

Joe Di Gregorio & Alan W. Brath
Las vegas,NV.

Alan W.Brath - January 21 at 09:54 PM



“ FMCC Nursing Faculty and Staff purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Virginia Bell.



FMCC Nursing Faculty and Staff - January 21 at 09:10 AM



“ Dottie was a founding member of the Mt. Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve with her on the Board and I will never forget her tireless efforts to bring the dream to fruition. She will be greatly missed.
Anne Lynch

Anne Lynch - January 20 at 08:40 PM



“ My sincere condolences to all of the Bell Family. Your mom was a woman admired by many and loved by all who were privileged to know her. Beacon will not be the same without her, but her life and dedication to Beacon will live on forever.
Maryellen Jawor

Maryellen Jawor - January 20 at 07:02 PM



“ My condolences to you all.

penelope hedges - January 21 at 08:31 PM



“ The Bell family was always a mainstay in Glenham. My condolences to the whole family and especially to Katy and Diane who I knew the best. Your Mom will be sadly missed.

Bonnie Johnson - January 20 at 05:30 PM



“ Condolences to the entire family. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad and difficult time. Eric, Elizabeth and Brandon Warren

Elizabeth warren - January 20 at 05:11 PM



“ Condolences to the family! I have a memory of an escaped ferret named Woody, showing up at the Wood house! Brian has a lot of memories growing up with you all. Our deepest sympathy, Regina & Brian Wood



Regina Wood - January 20 at 04:57 PM



“ Dick and I want to offer our condolences to the Bell Family. Dot was the most outgoing and charitable person. I'm sure God has preserved a place of Honor

Pam Mott - January 20 at 07:25 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Viccie and Mike Dennin

Viccie Denni - January 20 at 08:11 PM



“ Marilyn and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. She was such a sweet lady. I always felt welcome in her house. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Shelley Jones Williams - January 20 at 08:20 PM



“ What a wonderful Angel God has taken. Mrs. Bell was a great woman and we were all very fortunate to have known her. What an example she set for all of us. My heartfelt sympathy to all of the Bell children and grands. Love, peace and prayers to you all.

Fondly,
Marlene Fredericks

Marlene Fredericks - January 21 at 07:05 AM



“ I always admired your Mom. She truly was a beautiful, genuine person. I remember a particular day in the early 80's when I was walking in Glenham with my brand new baby, Eric. Your Mom was out for a walk too and stopped to say hello. She leaned down to peek at Eric in the stroller and gave me the warmest smile and said, "Oh he is just so cunnin!" As a new, very young mom her smile and kind words meant a lot to me and I thought about that day often. She really did radiate such warmth and goodness. I'm blessed to have known her.

My deepest sympathy.
Love, peace and many blessings to you all,
Elaine Bailer

Elaine Bailer - January 21 at 01:57 PM



“ Dottie was a kind, sweet, loving charitable friend and Glenham neighbor. Our condolences to the entire Bell family. Sincerely, Rosemarie and Harmon Boyd

Rosemarie Boyd - January 21 at 04:26 PM



“ Marilyn,

Mom is in a better place. Her and Lou are having lunch! It is never easy losing your Mom, no matter the age.

My Deepest Sympathies to you and your family.....
xoxo,
Debi Gendron

d - January 24 at 01:04 PM