



Dorlene House (Mansfield)

November 25, 1932 - January 15, 2021

Dorlene House daughter of Otis and Malissa Dye Welton was born November 25, 1932 in Douglas County, Missouri, and departed this life January 15, 2021 in Springfield at the age of eighty-eight years, one month, and twenty-nine days.

On July 20, 1952 she was united in marriage to Ronnie House, and to this union they were blessed with two children.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ronnie on August 19, 1990, her parents, two brothers, Hubert Welton and Berchie Welton, and two sisters, Reba Dry and Jo Brake. Dorlene is survived by her daughter, Ronna Brazeal and husband Russ, and her son, John House and wife Jana, all of Mansfield, Missouri; eight grandchildren; Jeremy Jones and wife Juli of Spring Hill, Kansas, Stephanie Goings and husband Jason of Strafford, Missouri, Jennifer Christian and fiancé Chris Liles of Farmington, Arkansas, Stephen House and wife Bethany of Strafford, Preston Goss and wife Maile of Springfield, Chelsea Ames and husband Drew of Ozark, Tim Brazeal and wife Rochelle and Tom Brazeal and fiancé Kelsey Becker, all of Mansfield; twelve great-grandchildren; Easton, Cooper, and Porter Jones, Elliott and Emerson Goings, Madison Jones, Alexia and Ayden House, Weston Moore, Bayli, Hoyt, and Eli Brazeal. She will also be remembered and loved by her sister, Leora Nall of Caldwell, Idaho; along with several other relatives and many, many, friends.

Although her grandchildren may have been the first to call their loving grandmother “MeMa”, everyone in her family would use it when speaking to or about Dorlene. The name proved to be as contagious as her bright smile and affection for everyone in her life. She was born and raised in Douglas County, Missouri and graduated from Ava High School in the Class of 1950. She enjoyed keeping in touch with her classmates over the years. After she and Ronnie were married, they lived in Fairbanks, Alaska for 2 years while he was stationed at the Fairbanks Army Base. After leaving the Army they moved to Mansfield in 1955 where they started House’s Shoe Store.

Dorlene was a devoted wife and homemaker and started working at the Bank of Mansfield in 1968 “just” to make enough money to put “wall to wall” carpet in their home and make life better for her family. She liked her job, but she especially loved the people she could help while at the bank and continued to work there until retiring in 1995. The same year

the family closed the shoe store.

Dorlene made a profession of faith in Christ many years ago and faithfully attended the Mansfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church until her health failed.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, charter member of the Mansfield PEO Chapter JM, and was the Bloodmobile Director in Mansfield for many years.

In her spare time, she was involved with her family and loved watching them grow and participate in activities. If there was ever anything that she could do to help she would embrace the opportunity. She loved working with her flowers in the yard, and was a seamstress, quilter, and an avid bridge player. A special group of friends had a “high stakes” card game every Friday night for over 30 years and it’s been said that Dorlene used the same jar of pennies the entire time. “MeMa” loved to travel having taken the opportunities to visit many countries and 49 states, but some of her most cherished memories were from the time the family spent together at the lake.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Teresa Kennedy for her assistance these last two years. Her love and care allowed “MeMa” to remain in her home and close to all that she cherished.

Dorlene was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and a very caring neighbor and friend who was always willing to help others. We celebrate her life and accomplishments and will always remember her smile and special times we had together.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 23, 2021 in Holman-Howe Funeral Home, Mansfield, with burial to follow in the Mansfield Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until service time Saturday in the funeral home. Due to Covid-19, masks are required.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Mansfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church or Mansfield Order of the Eastern Star.

Cemetery

Mansfield Cemetery

Lincoln Rd

Mansfield, MO, 65704

Events

JAN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Holman-Howe Funeral Home Mansfield
209 N. Lincoln Ave, Mansfield, MO, US, 65704

JAN **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ These are just a few of my fond memories of Aunt Dorlene: Her serving us her yummy soups and pies when we visited, and giving us a whole pie to take home :o). Her lovely yard filled with flowers and many humming birds at her feeder. Wild deer and turkeys just wondering through her back years. And her special love for her sister, my mom, Zetta Jo.

Linda Jones - January 23 at 07:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorlene House (Mansfield).



January 22 at 01:26 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorlene House (Mansfield).



January 20 at 10:11 AM



“ Mary Ousley lit a candle in memory of Dorlene House (Mansfield)



Mary Ousley - January 20 at 10:11 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dorlene House (Mansfield).



January 20 at 09:56 AM



“ Jacqueline Van Ness Beeson lit a candle in memory of Dorlene House (Mansfield)



Jacqueline Van Ness Beeson - January 19 at 08:06 PM



“ Jim, Jeanene, Michelle, Rachel, Julie & Tanner purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorlene House (Mansfield).



Jim, Jeanene, Michelle, Rachel, Julie & Tanner - January 19 at 01:42 PM



“ Gena (Rudolph) Cooper lit a candle in memory of Dorlene House (Mansfield)



Gena (Rudolph) Cooper - January 19 at 08:35 AM



“ Ronna, John and Family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your Mother-Mema. Her beauty and compassion for others spoke volumes to my heart while growing up as a child. My thoughts remain with each one of you, holding all close to my heart. Praying for the comfort and peace felt within each of you how your Mom/Mema is resting peacefully in the arms of our Heavenly Father.



Shelly Coday - January 18 at 11:58 PM



“ From her days working at the soda fountain at Ava Drug, to her marriage to Ronnie, to Ronnalene's birth in Alaska, to all the class of '50 reunions, to the lunches with the gang at Jimm's Dorlene has always be a special dear friend to us. She will truly be missed Our deepest condolences to all the family, John and Jana.

Ann and Russ Hunt - January 18 at 07:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorlene House (Mansfield).



January 18 at 12:59 PM



“ Ronna and John and Family. You are in our thoughts and Prayers as you go through this difficult time. Dorlene was such a fine Classy Lady. Always had a smile on her face



Jim and Joyce Johnston - January 18 at 10:12 AM



“ Ronna I am sorry for your loss. I remember she was such a sweet lady.



Carmalee Hall - January 17 at 10:54 PM



“ Prayers of peace to Ronna , John and their families. May God's arms surround you and comfort you as you remember the good times.

Kathy Hunsperger Fansler - January 17 at 06:47 PM



“ Johnna Douglas sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorlene House (Mansfield)



Johnna Douglas - January 16 at 09:57 PM



“ I was very honored to be the person who stayed with her and took care of her..She was such a delightful inspiration of her faith and gave me lots of words of wisdom and encouragement.. She will be greatly missed by family and alot of friends..

Teresa Kennedy - January 16 at 05:13 PM



“ So Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and Our Prayers are with all of you.
Don and Karen (Moody)Wilson and Family



Don and Karen Wilson and Family - January 16 at 01:15 PM



“ Rex Todd lit a candle in memory of Dorlene House (Mansfield)



Rex Todd - January 16 at 12:49 PM



“ Honored to serve as her Pastor for many years! She was faithful to her Lord and the local church. May the God of all comfort be with you as you walk through this valley.

Larry Scott - January 16 at 11:11 AM



“ I will truly miss my friend Dorlene we spent many days together She maybe gone but never forgotten Love you Karen W

Karen Woodard - January 16 at 07:38 AM



“ After returning to Mansfield for our retirement years, we were privileged to spend many hours with Dorlene at the bridge table and other events. It was a joy to be associated with such a lovely lady. What wonderful memories her family must have.

Theda and Bob Rush - January 16 at 04:48 PM