



Dorothy L Rauch (Hartville)

January 8, 1945 - October 21, 2018

Dorothy Louise Rauch was born January 8, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri. The specific circumstances of her birth are unknown, but she was adopted and raised by William L. and Martha M. (Oglesby) Rauch in St. Louis. Dorothy said that biologically she is part Apache Indian and took pride in that heritage.

Dorothy attended St. Louis schools through the 8th grade where she enjoyed baton twirling. She wanted to go to high school, but due to her learning disability she had difficulty in some subjects especially mathematics. The decision was made that Dorothy would not go to high school which greatly disappointed her. She had planned to continue baton twirling and had aspirations to "twirl fire!" (Dorothy says her parents would not let her because it was too dangerous.) Her favorite subject in school was reading and she continued to read for pleasure throughout her life.

Dorothy began working at a young age at domestic jobs: housekeeping, care-giving, and ironing. She liked to iron! She worked outside the home at a laundromat and as a waitress as well as a roller-skating carhop at a drive-in restaurant. Dorothy shared that she liked to work and earn her own money.

Like most teenagers of her generation, she liked listening to rock In' roll music on her record player and buying records with her earnings. She was a fan of Elvis Presley (whose birthday she shared) and Ricky Nelson whom she had the privilege of seeing in person! The music of the 1960s was the soundtrack for her entire life. Riding roller coasters was a thrill for her; she loved riding them! (Even in her later years, she still wished she could ride a roller coaster again.)

Dorothy moved to the Hartville/Grovespring area when she was middle-aged. She enjoyed nature and all animals so living in the country was a perfect place for her. Her many pets brought her much joy! She had dogs, cats, hermit crabs and her special guinea pigs, Bubbles and Ellie May. A favorite past-time was sitting outside watching birds, squirrels, snakes and lizards.

Dorothy began attending Little Creek Baptist Church in 2000. Dorothy professed her belief in and love for Jesus Christ! She became a member of the church and the church became Dorothy's family.

Dorothy gave birth to three children: Mike, Debbie and Shannon Rauch of the St. Louis area. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings. Jesus took Dorothy home to live with Him forever on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Dorothy will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of getting acquainted with her. She was a loving, trusting, fun person. Now Dorothy Rauch can truly say, "I'm doing fine!"

A memorial has been established to help with a headstone or donor's choice through Holman Howe Funeral Home, P.O. Box 236 Hartville, MO 65667.

Cemetery

Shaddy Cemetery

8747 Loring Rd.
Grovespring, MO,

Events

OCT 25 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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Holman-Howe Hartville Funeral Home
280 N. Main St., Hartville, MO, US, 65667

OCT 25 **Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Debbie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L Rauch (Hartville)



Debbie Nelson - October 24, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ Heather McClanahan & Family lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L Rauch (Hartville)



Heather McClanahan & family - October 21, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ Dorothy Mead lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L Rauch (Hartville)



dorothy mead - October 21, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Danny And Debbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L Rauch (Hartville)



Danny and Debbie Jones - October 21, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ I met "Little Dorothy" at Little Creek Baptist Church about 18 yrs ago. Over the years we have grown very close. I helped her, but got so much in return...love, trust, friendship and laughter! Not everyone took the time to get to know Dorothy. If you didn't, I'm sorry. If you did, you are blessed! She was a "special girl!"

Danny and Debbie Jones - October 21, 2018 at 11:39 AM