



Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness

October 8, 1907 - November 3, 2015

Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2015 following a short illness. Dodie was blessed with a long and productive life of 108 years, 25 days.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 6, 2015 at the Hopke Christian Church in New Hartford. Burial will be in the Ashley Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Miss Dodie was born October 8, 1907 in New Hartford, the daughter of Lemuel A. and Mary Higginbotham Wells. She attended Hopke School during her grade school years. In her high school and college years, Miss Dodie attended and graduated in 1927 from Christian College, Columbia, Missouri carrying the traditional ivy chain as her Mother had done when she graduated from Christian College in 1900. Other than school and traveling, Miss Dodie lived all of her life at the New Hartford family farm and home built in the 1872 that she cherished.

In 1947, she married Cecil E. Harness who preceded her in death. They were the parents of one son, Cecil Wells Harness who survives. Dodie's Mother died following childbirth at an early age while Miss Dodie was a student at Christian College. When Dodie returned to the Family home following her graduation, Dodie became Mother to her youngest sister, Jimmie and they remained as close as any Mother and Daughter until Jimmie's death.

Miss Dodie became an elementary school teacher in the Middletown and Silex

Schools. To this day, she has former pupils who recount how much they enjoyed her as a teacher. Miss Dodie was a savvy business woman, helping her Father with his various ventures as well as her own.

Dodie was preceded in death by her Mother and Father, four sisters, Virginia Wells Buffum, Mettie Anne Wells, Lucy Wells Forsyth, Jimmie Wells Dolan and one brother, Lemual A. Wells, Jr. A niece, Mary Frances Dolan, nephew Pat Dolan, III and great nephews, Eric Buffum and Robert Wells also preceded her in death. Surviving in addition to her son are a daughter in law, Lorraine Harness; two grandchildren Cecil Wells Harness, Jr of New Hartford and Anne Harness Ganten of Virginia; four great grandchildren, Cecil Dustin Harness, Sarah Ann Harness, Samuel Ganten and Alexandre Ganten; nephews, Frank Buffum, John Buffum, Lemuel Wells, III, Jim Wells and their Families and Sister-in-Law Claudia Wells.

Dodie remained a member of the Bowling Green Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution until her death, served for many years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ashley Fairview Cemetery, was an active member of the Eureka Homemaker's Club, served on the Pike County Nurses' Education Board, was a member of and treasurer for the Hopke Christian Church and was a strong supporter of Christian College (now Columbia College).

Miss Dodie will be most remembered for her great love for her family, her kindness to others and her ability to make all around her comfortable in body and spirit.

Memorials are requested for Ashley Fairview Cemetery, Columbia College, or Pike County Memorial Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Ashley Fairview Cemetery

Ashley, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
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Funeral Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hopke Christian Church
New Hartford, MO

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I didn't get the pleasure of knowing Dodie but the last few months of her life. I wished I had know her before she got sick.. At 108 years old ..she was such a joy to be around..
Sleep well Dodie.. will meet you someday.



jan hume - November 09, 2015 at 05:45 PM

JH

“ Jan Hume sent a virtual gift in memory of Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness



jan hume - November 09, 2015 at 05:40 PM

JE

“ Ms. Dodie was a proper and gracious woman. We could all take a lesson from her life book and be well blessed. God bless her family and community of friends and acquaintances who will miss her wit and charm.
I remember her paying me for a 69 cent long distance phone call with a dozen eggs. Of course I told her numerous times to forget about the charge. I finally accepted the eggs as she would have no other way! And she had raised the chickens and gathered the eggs from her small flock.

Jane Moore Edwards

Jane Edwards - November 05, 2015 at 11:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness.*



November 05, 2015 at 10:38 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Ms. Dodie. She was such a great lady. She always made you feel welcome. She had a long and fulfilling life and shared her joy with others. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Harness family. Sandy and Calvin Hudson*

Sandy Hudson - November 05, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ *Roberta Schulze sent a virtual gift in memory of Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness*



Roberta Schulze - November 05, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear about Dodie's death. She was a good woman. I (we) have fond memories of her visiting with her brother Lem at Moore Pike and at the fish fries in Ashley. Our sympathy to all of her loved ones. Frank and Alice Schuckenbrock*

Alice Schuckenbrock - November 05, 2015 at 09:52 AM

PH

“ Mrs. Harness was my 3rd grade teacher at Silex. I had just transferred in from the Catholic school at Millwood and was scared. She was THE teacher I most remember from my school days and I absolutely loved her. So much so that Cathy Mudd and I spent the night at her house one night the summer after 3rd grade. She introduced me to cantaloupe! I have so many memories of her that I could not begin to list them all and they are all fond memories. Our deepest sympathy for your loss but please take consolation in the fact that she touched many lives in such good ways and she will NEVER be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Kent and Peggy (Havlik) Hufty

Peggy Hufty - November 04, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness.



November 04, 2015 at 05:56 PM

HW

“ I didn't know Dodie very well but got acquainted with her thru Claudia Wells. A lot of people I have talked to that went to school to Dodie have all good words for Her. So sorry for your loss. Harriett Worrell

Harriett Worrell - November 04, 2015 at 05:30 PM

PS

“ We are saddened to learn of Miss Dody's death. She was a grand lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Paul and Bonnie Stone

Paul and Bonnie Ssttone - November 04, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness.



November 04, 2015 at 02:01 PM

EG

“ Our whole family enjoyed visiting with Miss Dodie, my Grand-daughters went to visit her in the Nursing home last Summer, and then went to visit the home place. They were really fond of her. She always had good conversation, talking about the old days. She will be missed by many. Prayers and sympathy for the family. The Grimmets

Ernestine Grimmert - November 04, 2015 at 12:32 PM

DB

What a lovely delightful lady she was...but my first recollection of her was just so funny and cute. She won the "hog calling contest for women" when the older barn for the FFA was about where the BG Pool is now or in that area. She came walking out from between the cars in the parking lot with a big old fashion basket on her arm with the corn in it and really "calling" the pigs! She won. Later in life when my relatives were also residents of Moore-Pike and her brother was there, she came to visit with her little cookie tin full of wonderful plain delicious sugar cookies that she served to all in the dining room. She parked her car just "anyway in the street."..it was ok!!!! Prayers and sympathy to her family but you have always treated her great and I think she did the same. Darlene Bruch.

Darlene Bruch - November 04, 2015 at 09:39 PM

RB

“ Robert Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness



Robert Bell - November 04, 2015 at 10:42 AM

VA

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with your family. I left Bowling Green very young but Ms. Dodie was ALWAYS one of many that I asked about.

Vanessa Pitchford Allcorn
Ernestine Grimmert's sister

Vanessa Pitchford Allcorn - November 04, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Dora Frances (Dodie) Wells Harness.



November 04, 2015 at 09:10 AM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of my favorite, most inspirational teacher. Miss Dodie truly was a sweet, intelligent woman who made a remarkable impact on all lucky enough to know her. My deepest sympathy to all.

Janie Kientzy

Janie Kientzy - November 04, 2015 at 08:56 AM

GA

“ It has been such an honor to be able to visit with Dodie over these past years and share communion & prayer with her. She was certainly a woman of faith and had the gift of hospitality, always so gracious and wanting to be of service to others. Her warm smile and gentle spirit are going to be missed, but not forgotten. May God bless you all as you celebrate her life, Revs. Joel & Gail Aurand

Gail Aurand - November 03, 2015 at 08:47 PM

DF

“ I have many wonderful memories of Miss Dodie while I was growing up in the New Hartford area. I remember her telling me stories of my great-grandparents and other family members. She was a wonderful lady and she will always be remembered with affection in my memories. Sympathy to the family members for the loss of such a great lady. Diane and Irvin Fuerst

Diane and Irvin Fuerst - November 03, 2015 at 04:33 PM

NH

Our family adored cousin Dodie. She was my mom's cousin and my mom always referred to her as "A National Treasure". She was very much like a mother to my mother (Mary Pearl, who grew up in Bowling Green and was one of the Johnson twins who lost their own mother at a very young age). Dodie was always an inspiration to all our kids and extended family. We live in Chicago, but would cherish our visits with Dodie in her historic home that was like a museum of Civil War and family history. My daughter Mary wrote a book about her in grammar school and her younger brother did the illustrations. The book is called "Dora" and it details many of the great stories Dodie shared with us from a child's perspective. The book won a young author's award in my daughter Mary's school and is a family treasure for us to help us remember our beloved cousin. We will never forget this great lady who is truly one of the greatest people I have ever know. God Bless Cousin Dodie!!!! Love, the Hays and Heffernan families of Champaign and Chicago, IL>

Nancy Hays Heffernan - November 10, 2015 at 12:30 PM