



## Dorothy Nell (Wilson) Hungate

November 16, 2014

Dorothy Nell Wilson Hungate

Departed this life Sunday November 16th, 2014 at the age of 91 after an illness of several months. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm on Friday, November 21 at the Mudd-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green. A private graveside service will be held. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday at the Salem in Ladue United Methodist Church. 1200 S. Lindberg Blvd with Rev. Shelia Bouie-Sledge officiating.

Dorothy was born November 11th, 1923 in Bowling Green, daughter of Kirby and Lena Dunbar Wilson.

She attended Eagle Point and Edgewood elementary schools and Bowling Green High School, graduating in 1941. She married her high school sweetheart, Bill Hungate, April 13th, 1944 in Lebanon, PA where he was stationed in the army.

Her family attended the Bowling Green Presbyterian church where she was baptized. She showed an early aptitude for music and was blessed with a beautiful soprano voice.

She graduated from University of Missouri in 1945 and was a Member of

Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

She and Bill resided in Cambridge, Massachusetts from 1946 to 48 where she worked as program director for the YWCA and established the first integrated womens' program.

She taught school for many years in Troy, helping start the first kindergarten there. She was active in clubs including Carillon Music club, Anna Day Federated Womens' Club, Congressional Wives' Club, International Club, United Methodist Women and PEO.

She participated in the Walk to Emmaus in Quincy, Illinois. She enjoyed singing in choir and performed as a soloist for church, civic clubs and Democratic party events.

Though not enthusiastic about Bill's entry into politics, she became an able and supportive political wife during Bill's 12 years in congress, maintaining homes in both Troy and Alexandria, VA during his time in Congress and participating in many political events. She was very faithful in her support to her husband both during his time as a United States Congressman and as well as his time as a United States Federal District Court Judge.

They returned to Missouri in 1976, living in Town and Country until Bill's death in 2007. She was a member of Salem Methodist church in Ladue. In 2011 she moved to The Fountains in Ellisville. She was lovingly cared for at Brooking Park in Chesterfield from June of this year until her death.

She enjoyed music, gardening, painting, playing bridge, following the Cardinals, and cooking. Her apple pies were legendary.

"Dottie" was a loving Mother and Grandmother...a Christian in the truest sense

of the word--kind, loving and charitable. She believed in justice and equality, and was a lifelong Democrat. She made friends easily, and her friends included members of all ages, races and creeds.

She is survived by her son David (April) of Bethpage, TN, daughter Katie Wood (Branson) of Hannibal, Granddaughter Allison Wood(Adam Starkweather) of Brooklyn, NY, Grandson Bennett Wood (Karen) of Austin, TX, Grandson Noah Hungate (Libby Tollefson) of Murfreesboro, TN, and Grandson Matthew Hungate (Lisa) of Nashville, TN, honorary Grandson Mark Dickman of Las Vegas, NV, sister Marjorie (Tom) Russell of Bellbrook, OH; a niece, Susan (Dick) Chema, and nephews: Stephen Russell, Stan (Mie) Russell and Scott (Lori) Russell. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and mother and father in law.

She was at peace during her final illness, saying "I've had a wonderful life. Sometimes death is a blessing." Hers was a life well-lived. She will be missed by her many friends and loved ones, but her greatest wish would be for us not to look back in sadness, but to remember her with joy and to live as she did....with love, strength, courage and kindness.

Memorials may be made to Salem in Ladue United Methodist Church in St. Louis or the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Mrs. Hungate (Dottie) was one of the "more refined" ladies of Troy. I remember going to Dave's house as a boy and teenager and always felt special because she treated you as a part of the family if you were a friend of Dave. On the few occasions I have shared time with Dave in these past couple of years, Dave always spoke highly and lovingly of his mother. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends. God Bless her memory and legacy to the world. Stan Presley.

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**Stan Presley** - June 25, 2015 at 08:25 AM

CB

“ Dottie was a very beautiful lady inside and out. She was so much like her mother. I always felt like part of the family

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**Cynthia Turpin Branstetter** - June 25, 2015 at 08:25 AM

GW

“ Katie and Dave you have my sympathy in the loss of your Mother. Could tell from her obituary she was a special person to many. May you both experience peace and comfort in the memory of your mother's life.

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**Gerald Witthaus** - June 25, 2015 at 08:25 AM

PD

“ Dottie was such a genuinely warm, loving, and gracious person who touched so many lives. Dale & I are so sorry for your loss, but know you can find comfort in the many wonderful memories you have of both her & your dad, knowing that they are once again together & at peace.

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**Patty Turpin Dortch** - June 25, 2015 at 08:24 AM

DC

“Katie and Branson, please accept my family's condolences for your loss. Mrs. Hungate was a remarkable person. I know she will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

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**David Clayton** - June 25, 2015 at 08:24 AM

NB

“This was a beautifully written obituary. Sincere Sympathy to the family from the daughters if LD and Bettie Worthington. We are Norma Borne, Shirley Freeman and Alice Tinklenberg.

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**Norma Worthington Borne** - June 25, 2015 at 08:24 AM

JL

“David & April & family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you have many beautiful memories of your mother.

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**John & LaVerne Lenk** - June 25, 2015 at 08:23 AM

BB

“When my former husband was elected to Congress from southeast Missouri and we moved to Washington, DC, Dottie took me "under her wing" and helped me swim in the weird waters of Washington. She was a remarkable woman and a wonderful friend to me and to all who had the good fortune to know her. I know her family will miss her greatly. My deepest condolences to all of you.

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**Barbara Burlison** - June 25, 2015 at 08:23 AM

JR

“ David, Kay and families. Our heartfelt sympathies to you. Dottie was an incredibly impressive, loving and smart lady, and a comfort to all. As one of the Straube gals she took under her wing, we have enduring memories of her and your dad, most bring a smile and touch to the heart!

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**Joyce Straube Roloff** - June 25, 2015 at 08:23 AM

JS

“ Jim and I want to extend our deepest sympathies to Katie and her family and also David and his family. You each have so many great memories of this wonderful lady so I know she will live on in your hearts forever. God bless each of you.

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**Jim and Betty Schulze** - June 25, 2015 at 08:22 AM

SD

“ Thoughts & prayers for Dottie's family. Special prayers for Katie & family. God bless you all.

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**Sue DeLaporte** - June 25, 2015 at 08:22 AM

MR

“ I feel so blessed to have had Dottie in my life for over 45 years. I look back and there is much to smile about and wonderful memories to replay. I recall when I heard Bill call her "Dot." My first thought was how can you abbreviate such a fine woman. Then I really listened and heard how much love, admiration and respect he could put in just those three letters. Dottie was also a great teacher. We all learned from her that it is the sharing of small things, the giving and taking that comes from the heart, that create a life of strength and joy. The gift of time is part of this sharing and she found time for all of us. Dottie knew how to build on the positive and not dwell on any negative, including our flaws. I will always miss her and always cherish her. My deepest sympathy to Katie and David and all the family which we know she treasured.

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**Marion Ross** - June 25, 2015 at 08:22 AM

ER

“ I was sorry to hear of Dottie's passing. She was a kind person & will certainly be missed. My father, Bill Raufer, cherished the friendship of Dottie & Bill. I can still hear the hearty laughter whenever they were together. My thoughts are with all of the members of the Hungate family. Sincerely, Eric Raufer Bloomington IL

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**Eric Raufer** - June 25, 2015 at 08:22 AM

MT

“ I was so sorry to hear that Dottie was going to be passing on. She was a really kind and interesting person. She was always ready with a smile and a wonderful conversation. She was extremely proud of her family and cared about her extended family as well. I appreciate the efforts in June to bring some joy to my parents. So many people were lucky enough to have been touched by her. What a wonderful example for everyone! My prayers go out to the rest of the family. I wish I could make the trip to Bowling Green with the Wilson & Boyd families, to pay my respects; because she definitely deserved them.

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**Marti Wilson Ticer** - June 25, 2015 at 08:21 AM

SG

“ A beautiful soul has passed from our midst. Her life was a gift to those who loved her but more than that to all of those she cared for and served in her lifetime. Her work with Bill on behalf of Northeast Missouri is still evident today, even though it may not be well recognized by many living in the region. She and Bill passed their love of music on to their children, a gift that continues to bless those who have the opportunity to hear them sing or play. Our deepest sympathy to Katie and to David and their families and many thanks for what your family has done for us and for so many others. Steve, Fannie and Skylar Gaw

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**Steve, Fannie and Skylar Gaw** - June 25, 2015 at 08:21 AM

NB

“ To Marjorie and Tom: I was sad to learn of your sister's death, Marjorie. I know she was very special to you. We have just lost the last of our uncles and aunts at 94. It was a generation of extraordinary people. With loving thoughts and best wishes, Nancy Huhman Brakhage.

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**Nancy Huhman Brakhage** - June 25, 2015 at 08:21 AM