



## Dorothy Nell "Dottie" Spillman

August 26, 1931 - June 2, 2026

Dorothy (Dottie) Nell Bullock Spillman, 94, formerly of Searcy, went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at the home of her daughter, Kathy and Darrell Kuhn. She was reunited with her husband, Harvey, who preceded her in death on November 24, 2013. She was born August 26, 1931, in Monticello, MS, the oldest child of the late Earl and Lelia Mary (Dupuy) Bullock. Dottie left her family home following high school graduation to move to New Orleans, LA. There she lived with her aunt to work and attend business college.

As God would have it, she would meet her future husband in a hospital in New Orleans while visiting a family member. Harvey was a patient in the VA Hospital having been medically discharged from the Navy in WWII. He caught her eye that day and the rest is history. Three months later they were married on February 9, 1951.

Mrs. Spillman has always been a faithful follower of Jesus wherever she went. She and Harvey settled in Jackson, LA until 1968 before moving to Mt. Ida, AR. They moved to Judsonia, AR in 1977. In November of 2018, Dottie moved to Harding Place in Searcy, AR. She thrived there, continuing to serve the Lord and making many friends.

Dottie was known as a friendly and hospitable person, making all feel welcome. While living in her home, she hosted many Bible studies for teen girls and young women. She truly lived out Titus 2:3-5 instructing the older women to teach the younger women.

If you went to her house on Sunday, you would find a tableful (or two) of

hungry college students enjoying a home-cooked meal sometimes followed by a nap and always good conversation.

The highlight for Harvey and Dottie was when their own grandchildren became students at Harding. They spent most Sundays enjoying MaMa's cooking, doing laundry, studying and napping. It was their home away from home.

Mrs. Spillman's six children were the center of her life. She is survived by Tricia Watkins of Beebe, AR; Steve (Pam) Spillman of Wheaton, MO; David (Sherri) Spillman of Washington, IL; Betty (Arnie) Klemm of Denver, CO; Mike (Janan) Spillman of Gravette, AR and Kathy (Darrell) Kuhn of Marshall, IL. She is also survived by her 12 grandchildren: Michelle (Daniel) Holland; Kristina (Ben) Stephens; Stephanie Watkins; Warren (Paige) Spillman; Julie Williams; Heather (Jeffrey) Gasvoda; Kelsey Klemm; Jacob (Beth) Spillman; Jeremy (Cassidy) Spillman; Jordan (Caitlin) Spillman; Justin (Nicolette) Kuhn and Amber Kuhn.

Dottie enjoyed her 18 great grandchildren: Bryson Coizman; Finleigh, Carter, Lucas and Evie Stephens; Beckett and Will Spillman; Whitley, Sawyer and James Williams; Emelyn, Asher, Rory, and Judah Spillman; Rhett and River Spillman, Beckham and Thacker Kuhn.

She is also survived by one brother, Jerry, and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Spillman was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers Dan and Tommy, her sister Marilyn and her son-in-law Mike Watkins.

A special thank you to Transitions Hospice in Marshall, IL for their wonderful care and support during her last month. Thank you to Pearce Funeral Home in Marshall, IL for their kindness in facilitating her return "home" to Searcy.

Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob, AR is in charge of the arrangements.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 11, 2026 from 12:00-2:00pm at Highway church of Christ in Judsonia, AR. The funeral will follow at 2:00pm at the church with Mike Chalenburg and Fred Gallo officiating. Devin Swindle will lead congregational singing. Interment will follow at White County Memorial Gardens in Searcy, AR.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons: Warren Spillman, Jacob Spillman, Justin Kuhn, Jeffrey Gasvoda, Daniel Holland and Bryson Coizman.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mision Para Cristo c/o Highway church of Christ or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Highway Church of Christ  
128 Highway Church Road  
Judsonia , AR 72081

## Funeral Service

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Highway Church of Christ  
128 Highway Church Road  
Judsonia , AR 72081

## Interment

JUN 11 (CT)

White County Memorial Gardens  
Eastline Road and Park Avenue  
Searcy, AR 72143



# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Nell "Dottie" Spillman



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**Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - June 10 at 02:44 PM

“ Words and language to talk about Dottie and all that she meant to me seemed elusive, until, while listening to a favorite worship CD, I began to hear the lyrics and music reflecting the thoughts and feelings I was finding difficult to express. Dottie made many of us feel cherished out of the love she accepted from God the Father, from His Son and Our Savior, Jesus, by the power of God’s Holy Spirit. It was a true love, without comparative judgment, without strings of neediness. It certainly wasn’t that Dottie couldn’t make a righteous judgment or that she didn’t want to be loved by us; but her love for us in our strength or in our need, was free, just as is God’s love.

*Dottie learned to abide in the vine: In You Alone. I Need Thee, Lord, Every Hour. Slip Away my child with the lover of my soul; slip away so you can hear my voice again say I love you. Be Still My Soul because in every change He faithful will remain. Just Give Me Jesus.*

*Unapologetically, like Paul and Silas and King David, in humble faith and joy, she praised the Lord: We Place You on the Highest Place. We Bless Your Name.*

*Dottie overcame the accuser, sin, and death by the blood of the Lamb and the word of her testimony: He’s Been Faithful, faithful to me. Through It All I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God and I’ve learned to depend upon His Word. The Anchor Holds.*

*Informed and ignited by study, prayer, and living in pursuit of knowing the Lord, refined by sufferings and trials, empowered by a bounty of spiritual gifts bestowed on her by God, Dottie evangelized, disciplined, taught, served, ministered, guided, and encouraged with wisdom and love: Everything Was Done So You Would Come. Cry Out to Jesus. Hold to His Hand; God will never let you down.*

*Dottie lived under the blessing of Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians.*

*She shared that blessing with me. She and I pray this for you:  
“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.  
Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Ephesians 3: 14-21, NIV)*

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**Lolita Meredith** - June 21 at 01:47 PM

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“ *Fonda lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Nell "Dottie" Spillman*



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**Fonda** - June 14 at 09:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Nell "Dottie" Spillman.*



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June 08 at 05:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Nell "Dottie" Spillman.

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“ Simpson Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Nell "Dottie" Spillman.



Simpson Family - June 07 at 11:41 PM



“ Simpson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Nell "Dottie" Spillman.

Simpson Family - June 07 at 11:41 PM



“ Prayers & hugs for Mrs. Spillman's family, as she is now rejoicing with the Lord in Heaven.

Dottie Roseboom - June 07 at 09:44 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dorothy Nell "Dottie" Spillman.



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