



## Dorothy Parsons

October 28, 1938 - August 28, 2022

Dorothy Suter Parsons, age 83, passed away Sunday, August 28, 2022. She is preceded in death by her parents Elden and Ethel Suter, brother Louis Suter, and husband of sixty-four years, Kenneth Ray Parsons. Mrs. Parsons is survived by her children, Darlene and Ed Sommer, Cheryl and Scott Irwin, Raymond and Christine Parsons and Kent and Jenny Parsons; grandchildren, Jeremy Sommer, Joseph Sommer, Jenna Roddy, Jordan Sommer, Renee Irwin, Kelly Diviney, Sean Irwin, Reilly Parsons, Shannon Parsons, Connor Parsons and Koryn Parsons; and 13 great grandchildren. Dorothy "Dot" Parsons was born Oct. 8th, 1939 in Plymouth, IN. She graduated from Madison High School, Bethel University, and received a Master's Degree in Education from IUSB. While living in Mishawaka, she taught elementary school for 20 years retiring from Baugo Community Schools. Dorothy met her husband, Ken, while singing for the Gospel Center Worship Hour Radio Broadcast. They connected through their mutual passion for music and Christian faith, and were very active throughout their lives in Missionary Churches in northern Indiana. After retirement, they continued their music ministry in Buford, GA through Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church and the Silvertones Community Choir. She was involved in so many activities throughout her life. She loved gardening, sewing, singing, sports, traveling and gathering with friends and family. She enjoyed fishing and spending time at their lake house. Dorothy was always supportive of her children and grandchildren by attending their sports games, music recitals, and other

activities. Her companionship and faithfulness to family and friends will be greatly missed.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home. Interment will be at Georgia National Cemetery at a later date. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. In memory of Dorothy and Ken's music and ministry throughout their lives, please consider a contribution to Bethel University, 1001 Mc Kinley Ave, Mishawaka, IN.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 S. Lee St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770) 932-1133  
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG **31**. 11:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Parsons

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Ken and Dorothy were always extremely generous and hospitable to us whenever we would connect with them. They treated us like royalty when we stayed with them in Buford on a trip up the East Coast in 2010 while we were back from Ecuador. I hope that we can learn to be as loving and accepting as they were!

Roy and Marabeth Ringenberg - September 07, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ Dorothy and I became friends, when my dad became her family's pastor at Oak Grove Church near Nappanee and Wakarusa. We went to the same church, same school, then were in some classes together at Bethel University. We had known her husband Ken since we were little kids, because my dad was Ken's family's pastor in Detroit, and my mother especially liked to get Ken for a babysitter to keep my little brothers in line (well, that's not how she said it, but I'm saying it!). Good friends, good family friends through the years. Sympathy to Dorothy's family.....

Esther Matteson - August 30, 2022 at 04:55 PM



I remember Dorothy from her days at Gospel Center. They, meaning Ken and Dorothy, actively supported the youth group at church when they lived on Logan. God bless the family and may his face shine on you.

James Ridenour - September 01, 2022 at 08:16 PM

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“ To Dorothy’s family, I spent several years teaching at Jimtown. She was always helpful and supportive of our musical programs. She was often a substitute Mom for me with spiritual wisdom. God bless you Mrs. Parsons

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**Barbara Geiger** - August 29, 2022 at 09:49 PM

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“ Dear Family of Dot. Dot was a special friend of mine. We were classmates in a class of 32!!! We sang in Triple Trio together and also had jackets made for us called the Soda Pop Girls!!! We had a great class and Dot was a special part of it. She will be missed. We are taking up a collection for Bethel in her memory. Prayer to you all, Jane and Tom Vandewalle

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**Jane Vandewalle** - August 29, 2022 at 06:45 PM