



Dorothy Elizabeth Webb

February 3, 1927 - April 22, 2021

Dorothy Elizabeth Taliaferro Webb, 94, went to her heavenly home on Thursday, April 22, 2021. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to so many. She was born February 3, 1927 in Hannibal, Missouri to Walter E. Taliaferro and Caroline Peters Taliaferro. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Caroline; her sister Helen; and her brothers Henry, Walter E. Jr., Guy, John, Harry, Thomas, Roy, Robert, and Gerald. Dorothy leaves behind a daughter Elaine Rustman and her husband Sid; a grandson Jeffrey Deis, his wife Lisa, and their children Jacob and Amara; a granddaughter Jennifer Taylor, her husband William, and their children Hannah and Katherine; and many generations of nieces and nephews. Growing up in Hannibal, Missouri, Dorothy was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church. She graduated from Hannibal High School in 1944, was married and had a daughter Elaine, and later attended Hannibal LaGrange College, where she received a two-year Associates in Education degree in 1956. Dorothy then taught two years at Mills Creek School in rural Ralls County, Missouri. During this time, she was continuing her education and received her B.S. in Education from Culver Stockton College in 1959. That same year, Dorothy and her daughter moved to Louisiana, Missouri, where she accepted a teaching position. She continued teaching in Louisiana for 30 years, most of those years dedicated to teaching junior high Language Arts. Dorothy was passionate about her teaching, treasured all her students, touched countless lives, and in some cases, generations.

Dorothy was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was also involved in her community. She loved volunteering at the Pike County Hospital gift shop, the Louisiana Historical Museum, as well as several nursing homes where she was often seen painting fingernails and reading to residents. Gardening and flowers were Dorothy's passion. She was happiest while working in her yard, which was well known for having constant blooms from spring through fall. Dorothy spread love and cheer by sharing her flowers with family, friends, and neighbors.

Visitation will be from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 29th at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 30th at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Louisiana. Burial for family members only will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Hannibal. Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, Shriner's Hospital for Children, or the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Hannibal, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
collierfuneral@att.net

Funeral Service

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
3405 W. Georgia St.
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Elizabeth Webb*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Dorothy Elizabeth Webb*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Sandra Lafferty lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb*



Sandra Lafferty - June 27, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Mrs Webb touched my life more than I could say. We talked about having a common ground. As she had her sister and a ton of brothers. She knew there was also 8 kids in my family. She knew of concerns in my family. She always knew each of our names. Told me to follow my dreams, study and keep faith. She assured me. She would pray and help each of us. The best and caring of any person I was blessed to have. The Lafferty family gives our condolences.*

Sandra Lafferty - June 27, 2021 at 12:53 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Webb was the most amazing teacher I was ever fortunate enough to know. She tutored me at home on her own time when I broke my leg in the 7th grade. She simply said, when we, especially me offered our profuse thanks, that “She did not want me get behind in my school work. “

Marshall Bishop - May 02, 2021 at 05:36 PM

ND

“ She was the greatest woman that i have ever known she made a great impact on who i am today she will be missed very much sending prayers

Nicole Smith Dyke - May 01, 2021 at 07:23 PM

JA

“ Elaine & Sid, you won't know me, but Ruth Ann Jones, your Mother and I travelled to Kirksville about 2 yrs. ago for my granddaughter's wedding! Ruth Ann drove, Dorothy crocheted, & I visited! We took my car and they dropped me off and went shopping. It was a wonderful memory for me; we ate Chinese, and had a great time. By the way, my Mother was also a Taliaferro!! Your Mother was a beloved community "Treasure"!

judy allwood - April 30, 2021 at 09:49 AM

DC

“ I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the visitation or service for Dorothy Webb so wanted to pass on the information to the family. I am limited as to access in groups of people due to an operation and illness earlier this year and as a result of the virus limitations. D.
Randall Cone

D. Randall Cone - April 29, 2021 at 03:59 PM

MJ

“ Dorothy was an amazing woman. We became acquainted through the Pike County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary’. She always seemed to be at the top of her game. She made the absolute most of what she was given be it lemons or an Easy button. We will miss her. I will miss her and the beautiful flowers with which she gifted us. God speed Dorothy.

Marjorie Jamieson - April 29, 2021 at 03:46 PM

WD

“ Elaine, I think of you often and in this time of sorrow my heart and prayers are with you and your family..the grace and kindness of your mother now lives on in you and yours.wdean

W Dean - April 28, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb.



April 28, 2021 at 10:41 PM

MS

“ She was all my sisters teacher and i 5 i was the youngest boy and she had me I struggle a lot in school but she never gave up on me. I will always cherish the time I spent with her, oh sorry this was in the late 60s and early 70s. May God bless your soul. RIP

Mark Shipley - April 28, 2021 at 09:08 PM

GC

“ *Ginger Cafer And Win Cafer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb*



Ginger Cafer and Win Cafer - April 28, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb.*



April 28, 2021 at 07:10 PM

RJ

“ *Dorothy was such a sweet and generous lady. She visited our mother at Luther Manor and always brought her flowers from her garden. She and Mom were from Ely Street here in Hannibal and went over many memories. Will always remember her kindness through out her life. She made all her friends. So sorry for your family's loss.*



Rhonda L Jeffries - April 28, 2021 at 04:38 PM

DC

My deepest con

Dianne collins - April 28, 2021 at 08:06 PM

JR

“ Dorothy was such a caring and sweet person. she was always visiting and doing nails at the nursing home for all of the residents..rest in peace sweet lady



Janet reed - April 27, 2021 at 07:35 PM

GF

“ Gary And Teresa Van Fleet lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb



Gary and Teresa Van Fleet - April 27, 2021 at 07:16 PM

CS

“ Dorothy was an inspiration to me, always showing her Christian faith in her actions and her words. Will certainly be missed by so many people.

carol shoener - April 27, 2021 at 05:22 PM

DS

“ Mrs Webb was a great teacher! She was strong happy and very likeable. She made learning fun! She will be missed!!



Deb Skirvin - April 27, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb.



April 27, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mrs. Webb's passing. I believe she was my 7th grade English teacher. I enjoyed being in her class and she was a great teacher and a person. I wish I could have known her better but I will look forward to talking to her in heaven. :) May the Lord comfort all of her family.

Malia Bridwell - April 27, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ What a wonderful woman! I only got to know Dorothy a few years ago, but what an impact she made on me. She was always upbeat, had a smile and a word of encouragement for whomever she met. Although she is gone physically, she will live on through her deeds of kindness and words of support to so many. Rest in peace!
Susie Oberdahlhoff

Susie Oberdahlhoff - April 27, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ Prayers for Dorothy's family. She was such a lovely lady. I had the pleasure of knowing her since the early 60's. I have fond memories of her.

Becky (Raney) Sanderson



Becky Sanderson - April 27, 2021 at 09:28 AM

DC

“ I was sorry to hear of the death of Dorothy Webb. She cared about people and was very helpful. Her lifetime of teaching left very good impressions. She also was helpful in the Louisiana community The organizations she was a part of were blessed by her good work and dedication and consideration. She left a very good example of what can be done by those who are trying to do the right thing in the right way. D. Randall Cone

D. Randall Cone - April 27, 2021 at 09:13 AM

BD

“ In 1968 I moved to Louisiana MO to teach 7th/8th grade Bloc at the newly formed Middle School. One of the first people I met was Dorothy. Elaine had just started college. I was 200+ miles from home. We bonded as each other's support. I believe one of the reasons God sent me to Missouri was so that I would be blessed with the friendship of this precious woman.

Barbara G Duffee - April 27, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb.



April 27, 2021 at 04:19 AM

AM

“ I never knew Gigi to get off a flight, leave a store, or even get the mail without reporting back with a brand new friend. Dorothy's childhood can be known through her lifelong friends and neighbors, her career time through generations of stories from countless loving family members, and just about anyone can tell you about her later years! She was incredibly loved. There's dozens of things in life I'll never look at without thinking of her—bouquets, pennies, and "fit as a fiddle" being just a few.



Amara - April 27, 2021 at 12:24 AM

BS

Beautiful lady inside and out.

Becky Sanderson - April 27, 2021 at 09:30 AM



Dorothy was such a lovely sweet LADY, she was such a good teacher she was wonderful to my Billy I shall never forget that. Rest in peace and we love you.

Lona Wallace - April 28, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SM

“ We went to church with Dorothy for many years & she was always joyful and kind & so happy to see you. She was unwavering in her faith, & showed great love to our children. She will be greatly missed but GOD has his faithful servant right by his side now.

Stacey Mahsman - April 26, 2021 at 10:12 PM

GL

Loved Ms. Webb!!❤️

Gina Lindsay - April 26, 2021 at 10:28 PM

LW

“ Mrs Webb was always counted in the group of one of my best teachers and an even smaller group of one of my favorite teachers. She only wanted her students to not only learn the material at the time, but to fully understand for a lifetime. She was as devoted to this community as she was her students. Her life is a shining example of a “life well lived”, and her eternal rest with Our Father and all the angels in Heaven is well deserved, and she is “fit as a fiddle”!

Lisa Watts - April 26, 2021 at 09:52 PM

KF

“ Karen Funk lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb



Karen Funk - April 26, 2021 at 09:45 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dorothy was a wonderful person. She would travel to Hannibal to visit her childhood best friend who was a resident in our nursing home. She soon became friends with many of the residents and they looked forward to her visits. She always had a beautiful smile. She will be truly missed.

Carla Selsor - April 26, 2021 at 09:07 PM

TR

“ *A true inspiration to so many .
My deepest sympathy to her family
Will always be remembered As a kind and
caring mentor of the community RIH*



tammi Ries-McPike - April 26, 2021 at 08:32 PM

TF

“ *The Grib Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bo
uquet for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb.*



The Grib Family - April 26, 2021 at 08:17 PM

JS

“ *Mrs Webb had a way of holding your interest
in learning that it was fun. My favorite that we
studied was the story of Anne Frank. You
have my deepest sympathies*



Jeri Smith - April 26, 2021 at 08:15 PM

BJ

“ From the time I was a young girl I knew Mrs. Webb. She was my English teacher in school and a serious but loving lady. You didn't play around in her class. She was friends with my Grandma Abel's best friend. When her friend passed away my Mom asked Dorothy if she would mind coming and visiting with Grandma because she was lonely and missed Martha. So began a great friendship. Dorothy would come get Grandma and take her for rides and they would go to lunch. She was a great friend to her until she passed. We adopted Dorothy into our family and loved her as much as if she was ours.

I can honestly say that there are very few people I have met in my life that have made the impact that she did. I got to visit with her once a week to do her hair and I cherished our time together. She would come in and no matter how she felt I would say how are you today Dorothy? “Fit as a fiddle and fine as a frog's hair!” She said it all the time and to everyone. It always made me smile. It was impossible to have a bad day when she was around and I will never forget how positive she was. Helpful, loving and kind. The world needs more people like her.

So to my sweet friend I say goodbye...until we meet again.

Dorothy would have said “ Well I'm off but you knew that, and I'm going too!”

Much love to you and my deepest sympathy to your family.

Love, Becky 

Becky Jones - April 26, 2021 at 07:37 PM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Webb's family she was such a wonderful lady have such wonderful memories of her as a teacher
Sonja Scherff aka Sonja Welch

Sonja Scherff - April 26, 2021 at 07:31 PM

TS

“ *She was one of my favorite teachers. Always kind and gentle. A wonderful example of Christianity. She will be missed!* ”

Terri Wood Sperry - April 26, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Webb.* ”



April 26, 2021 at 07:18 PM