

## REMEMBERING DORCAS

Dorcas Ann Gudde, age 82, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at her home.

Dorcas was born September 13, 1938 in Jefferson City, Mo., the daughter of Guy Wendell and Opal Mae (Nichols) Roberds. She was married on October 13, 1970 in Miami, Oklahoma to John S. “Jack” Gudde.

A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Dorcas attended Jefferson City High School. She was employed for several years by the Missouri Department of Revenue in the Motor Vehicle Department until the late 1980’s. Dorcas had a passion for little children so in 1987 she began her own business, the Small World Daycare. She cherished the time she spent with children and all the families she met through those years until her retirement in 2006.

Dorcas’ fondest memories were spent with her family, especially her grandkids and great-grandkids, who she adored and loved to care for. She enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Alaska and to see her daughter in Utah. Dorcas looked forward to trips to the casino with family and friend, Melanie and spending time at the lake. She spent many hours outdoors, sitting on her back porch watching the birds and squirrels.

Dorcas will be remembered for her good-natured spirit, her ability to put up with the antics of her family and for always spreading love.

Survivors include: her husband of 50 years, Jack Gudde; two children, Deborah Kirk (Rick) of Roy, Utah and Shane Gudde (Brenda) of Jefferson City, Mo.; brother, Gerald “Buck” Roberds (Bonnie) of Dallas, Texas; two brothers-in-law, Bob Gudde (Shirley) of Holden, Mo. and Leon Gudde of Harrisonville, Mo.; eleven grandchildren, Heather Rhodes (Chris Lute), Amanda Jackson (Robert), Kyle Lueckenhoff (Jenna), Kara Christensen (James), Adam Lueckenhoff (Amanda), Jack Gudde, Lydia Gudde, Brittany Millard (Troy), Bryce Kirk (Flo), Justin Kirk and Katrina Fitzwater (Colt); eighteen great-grandchildren, Jayci Christensen, Kane Lueckenhoff, Brooklyn Lute, Ryker Lueckenhoff, Noah Lute, Liam Lueckenhoff, Bryton Lueckenhoff, McCoy Lueckenhoff, Kaylee Lueckenhoff, Brock Cleary, Tessa Kirk, Jasmine Kirk, Connor Kirk, Kami Kirk, Kamden Hansen, Rilee Fitzwater, Carson Fitzwater and Hayden Fitzwater; her best friend and partner-in-crime, Melanie Donovan; a son-in-law, Frank Wansing; and several nephews.

Dorcas was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Kim Lueckenhoff on January 14, 2021; two sisters, Billie Sue Bledsoe and Alma Bowen; niece, Brenda Roberts; and a great-niece, Crystal Gudde.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Freeman Chapel

Jefferson City, Missouri

The Reverend Don Fankhauser

Song..... “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

Welcome

Scripture

Prayer

Song..... “You Raise Me Up”

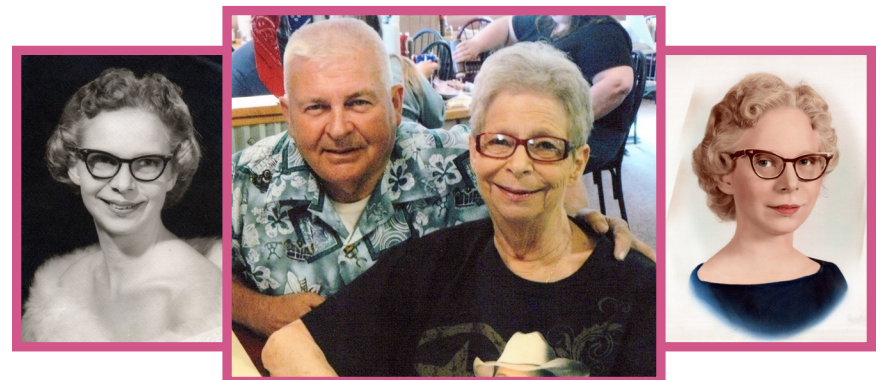
Reflections of Dorcas’ Life

Message

Prayer

Song..... “I Hope You Dance”

Dismissal



## IF TEARS COULD BUILD A STAIRWAY

*If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane,  
I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again.*

*No farewell words were spoken, no time to say "Goodbye".  
You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.*

*My heart still aches with sadness, and secret tears still flow.  
What it meant to love you - no one can ever know.*

*But now I know you want me to mourn for you no more;  
To remember all the happy times life still has much in store.*

*Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today-  
A hollowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay.*



## *In Appreciation*

Dorcas' family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the thoughts, prayers, and many acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Dorcas Gudde*

1938 - 2021