



Dorothy Hoelker

February 8, 1933 - January 31, 2022

Dorothy “Dot” Mae Hoelker nee Ziegler, 88, of Orient, Ohio, died Jan. 31 of natural causes at a family home in the comfort and care of her children.

Dorothy was born in Newport, Kentucky to Stephen and Bertha Ziegler. She had one brother, Richard.

She graduated high school from Our Lady of Providence Academy in Newport. She attended college at both St. Thomas More and Xavier University. She married John “Jack” W. Hoelker in 1954 at St. Stephen Church in Newport. Dorothy resided in Grove City, Ohio, and then Orient, for more than five decades, where she and John raised eight children. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Columbus, Ohio. A lifelong Catholic and advocate for the pro-life movement, Dorothy volunteered and held leadership positions with Right-to-Life and, most notably, Birthright of Columbus. She helped found Birthright of Columbus in 1972. This organization offers material and emotional support to new mothers. She supported and counseled women for decades in support of the pro-life movement. In 2014, Dorothy was presented with a Lifetime Achievement award by Birthright in recognition of her efforts. Dorothy worked at Mt. Carmel Hospital for more than 35 years in the medical records department. Dorothy’s joy in life was spending time with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dorothy loved animals, cats in particular, and had many throughout her life. George, an orange tabby, gave her comfort in her final

days.

She is survived by her children: Mary Lynn Snook (Bill) of Lancaster, Ohio; John (Polly) of Columbus, Ohio; Steve of Orient, Ohio; Joe (Paula) of Perth, Australia; Edmund "Buzz" of Lafayette, Louisiana; Helen of Denver, Colorado; Bertie Janita (Bernie) of Somerset, Ohio; and Florentine (Margie) of Lakewood, Ohio. Grandchildren: Elizabeth, Paula, Katherine, Joe, Stephanie, Matt, Nate, Jessica, Jennifer, Steve Jr., Dezreena, Rhett, Shelly, Kassie, Luke, Stacie, Bernie Jr., Richard, Brittany, MaryKate, Nick, Ben, Max, Theo and Owen; John, Jimmy, Claire, and their father, Jim. She is survived by 22 great-grandchildren. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, John (1993), parents, Stephen and Bertha, brother, Richard, and his wife, Lorena; daughter-in-law, Natalie.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday Feb. 12 at Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio. A reception will be held prior at 10:30 a.m. and a repast will follow Mass at the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Birthright <https://birthright.org/columbusohmain/>

or Fairhope Hospice <https://fairhopehospice.org/>.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
584 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Memorial Mass

FEB 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Hoelker*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dr. Hoelker and Family,*

Sorry for your loss. May you find peace in all the memories you cherish.

In Prayer,

Tami Dickerson and Family

Tami Dickerson - February 08, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Hoelker.*



February 08, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Flo and family,*
Please accept my sympathy and prayers for your mom. I am so sorry for your loss.

Tina Jurcisin

Tina Jurcisin - February 08, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Hoelker.



February 07, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ Flo, I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope happy memories keep you warm through this difficult time. God bless. Lisa Flaherty, NDC

Lisa Flaherty - February 07, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Dorothy Hoelker.



February 07, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Hoelker.



February 05, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Hoelker.*



February 05, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you during this time of your loss. May God's strength comfort you with his peace. Catherine Robinson and family.*

Catherine Robinson - February 04, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *For 50 years Birthright has been helping pregnant women in the Columbus area all because of Dorothy. Rest Dorothy, your work is done. Now watch over all the volunteers as we continue your legacy.*

Birthright of Columbus

Birthright of Columbus - February 04, 2022 at 01:49 PM