



## Dorothy McCleery Redding

April 7, 2008

Redding Dorothy McCleery Redding was born on May 14, 1927 in Cleveland, Ohio to Dr. John Maxwell McCleery and Pearl Mae Roe McCleery. She graduated from Muskingum in 1948. She also followed her mother's lead and went to Biblical Seminary in New York, and graduated with a Masters in Christian Education from Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary in 1951. She married her childhood sweetheart, World War II veteran Ensign David Asbury Redding on June 16, 1951, and started with him their family: Marion Telford, John Maxwell (Shari), David Mitchell (Bobbie), and Mark McCleery (Sarah), Sandy McIntosh (Fred) and, Rob Greene (Pam), Chris Way (Pam) and Ashley, and Jennie Tran. She enjoyed her grandchildren, SPC. Alexei Lizanich, USAR, Katrina Hayes (Ryan), Danielle Dean, Alicia Redding Shipe (and great-granddaughter, Ava Lyn Grace), Ian and Cameron Redding, Hannah, Kate and David Redding, Mary, Nancy, and Don McIntosh, Christiana and David Greene, and Ashley Way. It only takes her laughter like her singing to bring her back to mind. Her grieving husband attempted a closing tribute his last morning at Liberty Barn Church: You Taught Me How to Dance (with apologies to "Miss Potter") It's a painful triumph for My Dee to get here Sundays, anymore, Tied to a chair and perched on wheels; Why, she used to teach the Marines how to swim, And I had a showpiece jitterbug To teach me how to dance. You caught me, dear, with your sky blue eyes; And with your beguiling arms around me, You made a sailor brainless. So, I'm still ready to dance with you forever. How time flies! It only seems like yesterday This also

applies to the nearly 30 years all of you took To show me how to let down my hair and Dance with Old Liberty. But I won't forget that night My partner got the steps across to me, till all of you -- And I know it must have seemed forever -- Finally encircled a wooden-legged preacher Who only said he loved you till You taught him how to dance In here. (October 14, 2007) Come Celebrate Dee's Life and Life to Come with us at Liberty Barn Church, on April 20, 2008 at 2 o'clock p.m. 7080 Olentangy River Rd. , Delaware, OH 43015. Gifts in her memory may be given to the Community Health Access Project, Attn: Dan Wertenberger, Ocie Hill Neighborhood Ctr, 523 Park Ave E., Mansfield, OH 44905 or Liberty Church to finish the Carriage House. (FURTHER INFORMATION AND COMMENTS AT [www.davidredding.com](http://www.davidredding.com).) Arrangements by Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. Condolences to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy McCleery Redding*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We mourn with you over the loss in this life of the joy of being with Dee even though we know that in spirit she will never leave us. Her twinkle and incredibly positive spirit will bring us joy each time we remember her. She blessed us both for the past 30 plus years with her confidence and faith. We look forward to seeing many of you this summer when we will share a story or two of Dee's remarkable life. Grace and peace, Helen & Louis*

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**Helen and Louis Ridgway** - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Truly unbelievable. Dee's life and, hard to accept, her death. Our thoughts surround you. Our prayers for your acceptance and transition play upon the Spirit's wind. Hopes to see you soon. Whether here or over there. love, jenness and jody.*

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**Jenness & Jody Gilles** - April 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear David and Katrina, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Dee in your earth life, but we know she is truly at peace in God's arms. David, you and Dee had such a wonderful loving relationship. Dee's smile and laughter could light up a room. You both are an inspiration to us. I will see you Saturday at the celebration of Dee's life at the barn. We love you David! Katrina, you are so lucky to have such a wonderful Grandmother and Grandfather that taught us such awesome lessons in life. My prayers are with your family. God Bless, Diane and Mike Page

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**Diane Page** - April 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To Pastor David (Bobbie) - our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

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**Jack & Janet Brown** - April 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I am so sorry of your loss. She was the most caring and sweetest person I will ever meet. We love each and every one of you guys.

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**William S Baker** - April 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Realizing that Dee has moved on to the life beyond life, I mourn her passing. She and all your family has continued to hold a special place in my heart these many years since our visit when I was a young boy. She was a special lady and I offer my condolences to your entire family at this time of loss.

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**Christopher Noster** - April 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OT

“ Mom and Dad are out of the country but will be deeply saddened by your loss. This is Nanette (daughter) and I have the fondest memories of your whole family. Growing up I always enjoyed your sermons and loved your whole family very much. I was so very fortunate to be a part of your lives when you lived in St. Augustine. Please accept our deepest sympathies and we will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. love to all, Nanette, Teddy & Tyler (daughter, son-in-law and grandson)

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**on behalf of Shirley and Pierre Thompson** - April 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Ones, My thoughts and prayers surround your precious family as you celebrate the extraordinary life of the 'Wind beneath all of your wings'. Dee certainly made an eternal difference in all of the lives she touched with her love, talents, wit, wisdom and most importantly, her own Christian witness. She was truly a Proverbs 31 woman and is surely being praised in the Gates as she meets her Jesus face to face. As you each have shared with so many others, claim the comfort and promises of Jesus for yourselves during this time of grief, as He will walk with you.

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**Carol Windsor** - April 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ I'm grateful to have known such a woman as Dee. She and Dave always welcomed me as one of her own and help create some of my fondest memories and provided refuge in days of duress during my stays throughout the years at Sky Farm. A broken body housed an uncrushable spirit that will never die as she and David were good and kind enough to transfer that spirit to their offspring, all of whom I can gratefully count as my friends--the youngest being the best one I have ever had and to whom I owe my very life. Thank you for letting me be a part of your inspiring family.

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**Michael Varney** - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear David, Marion & Family I am so sad for your loss. What a magnificent woman we all had the privildge to know and to laugh with. I think I remember Dee's smile best. She was always beaming when I saw her. I've never forgotten her statement, "I'm not sick, I'm just broken!" What a beautiful spirit she brought to us and has indeed, left with us. I will keep you all in my prayers as you charter your way through this difficult time, and rejoice with you as your beloved Dee is with her Jesus. Love, Kelli (Larry & Max)

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**Kelli Messick** - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Dear David and Marion, What a beautiful and accurate description of Dee. She was a joy to know. I also know the joy and sadness you feel as my Dad passed Jan 11 and my mother passed April 1. But we had wonderful blessed days with them and celebrated their lives and their going to Jesus just like you did. Mom's choir sang a medlay of When the Saint Go Marching In and Fly, Fly Away at our celebration on Friday and we clapped in delight. Thanks for sharing David's song...I can just picture him singing it and Dee's delight! We look forward to seeing you on June 21 to celebrate more! Love, Cynthia Grimes

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**Cynthia grime** - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM