



## Dorothy Tatom Summers

February 10, 2011

Dorothy Tatom Summers, age 93 of Concordia, Missouri, formerly of Alma, Missouri, died on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at the Lutheran Nursing Home in Concordia.

Born Thursday, December 6, 1917 in Council Grove, Kansas, she was the daughter of Ray Tatom & Hazel Shaw Tatom.

She married Clarence L. "Bud" Summers March 20, 1943. He preceded her in death September 2, 1977. Also preceded in death are her parents & three brothers, Spencer Tatom, Rev. Bill Tatom, & James Tatom; and one sister, Mildred Bracken.

She was a homemaker & a resident of Alma most of her life, moving to Concordia in 2007. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Higginsville, Missouri, a 1936 graduate of Higginsville High School; Elk Grove Club, Pi Chi Sorority of Alma; Southwest Baptist Alumni Group, & former member of the Missouri Judicial Association. Dorothy was the first female elected Presiding Judge in Lafayette County where she served for ten years from 1977-1988.

Surviving are one daughter, Janell (John) Engelhardt of Overland Park, Kansas; one brother, Jerry (El Dean) Tatom of Santa Fe, New Mexico; Sister-in-law, Mildred Tatom of Bolivar, Missouri; two grandchildren, Jennifer

Engelhardt & John Summers "B.J." Engelhardt; numerous nieces & nephews.

A Funeral service will be at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at First Baptist Church, Higginsville with Dr. Greg Fine officiating, Jolene Vereecke, pianist, Jennifer Engelhardt, B.J. Engelhardt, Matt Rolf & Robin Padget, vocalists. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Corder, Missouri.

The family will receive friends after 7:00 P.M. Monday at Hoefer Funeral Home, Higginsville. Memorial contributions may be sent to First Baptist Church Building Fund or Lutheran Nursing Home.

Casketbearers are Dwaine Edwards, B.J. Engelhardt, Donald Gieseke, Steve Tatom, Ronnie Summers, & Michael Tatom. Honorary Pallbearers are Ross Pritchard, Bob Pritchard, Bob Washburn, Hubert Alewel, Joe Rolf & Dunk Korzan.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.hoeferfuneralhome.com](http://www.hoeferfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Tatom Summers

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Dorothy Tatom Summers

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Dorothy Tatom Summers

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ Dorothy Tatom Summers

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ Sending my love and thinking of you. Dorothy will always live in our hearts.

**Terri Brodrick** - April 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM

DR

“ Dorothy Summers was a trail blazer in many ways and a grand lady committed to the highest ideals in all that she did. It was my privilege to know and work with Dorothy while she was in county government and I in the state legislature. She was also a good friend for whom I have always had the highest regard.

*My thoughts and prayers are with all the members of her family and all her many friends during this time of loss and reflection.*

*We can all be thankful for the honor of sharing with her a part of her earthly pilgrimage.*

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**David Rauch** - April 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM

DL

“ Aunt Dorothy was an inspirational lady. I feel blessed to have known her.

*Sending Lots of Love from our family to yours.*

*Leta Gay Bracken/Waters, Clifford Waters*

*Diana & Young Leonard*

*Linda Waters*

*Laren Waters*

*Cole Waters*

*Caiden Waters*

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**Diana Leonard** - April 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM

JG

“ Thinking of you and sharing in your loss. I will never forget that smile and will always hear her laugh. A very special lady with a wonderful spirit that I will miss forever. Thank you for sharing her with me.

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**janice graham** - April 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM

LM

“ Dorothy was a fun person to joke with and always had a come back. I will miss her. God be with all of you now and as you go forward.

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**Linda McGuire** - April 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM

SE

“ I remember her as Mrs. Summers and she was my neighbor. I used to burn her trash for her and help her out when I could. Unfortunately I hadn't been able to see her for a while because I went to college. I wish I could have seen her again and introduced her to my wife. She was a very nice lady and I will never forget her. Her family is in my prayers.

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**Seth** - April 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM

KC

“ Janell: sorry to hear about your mom passing. i just came across the notice while looking for something else. Your grandpa Ray was my Grandma Nell's brother. I remember you so well and your mom and grandparents as you all came to Colorado several times to see Grandma. Her last name was also Morton. And your Grandma sent me many dolls etc that she crocheted clothes for. What a treat to get those in the mail. My mom, June Bitters, and your mom were good pals. she passed away in 1994. this is the week for finding relatives. We heard from some Bitters relatives in Wisconsin this week also. contact me at [kbigramma@aol.com](mailto:kbigramma@aol.com)

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**Kathleen Bitters Crispe** - April 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM