



Dorothy Kauffman

September 25, 2020

Dorothy Kauffman, 78, of Selbyville, DE, died on Friday, September 25, 2020 at her home. Born in Chambersburg, PA she was the daughter of the late Michael and Sarah Plasterer Detwiler. She was married to the late Robert Kauffman who died in 2011.

She received her Ph.D., University of Maryland, and was a consultant with the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) in Washington, DC. Her responsibilities at CAL included conducting teacher-training sessions that addressed effective instruction for ESL students K-12.

A former elementary school classroom and reading teacher, she served as a reading consultant and taught speech, reading, and English composition courses at community college level. At university level she had extensive experience teaching reading, language arts, and children's literature, as well as supervising student teachers.

Dorothy is the author of The Oxford Picture Dictionary for the Content Areas, published by Oxford University Press, as well as a supplementary reading series for grades 1-6 and content-based ESL literature units for grades K-1. She also helped to develop a social studies curriculum and textbooks for Standard I and II students in Belize, Central America, and recently completed a series of English language arts workbooks for students in grades K-5, and a

program staff development materials about teaching reading to English language learners entitled What's Different About Teaching Reading to Students Learning English?

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Yvonne Kauffman, Selbyville, DE, brother-in-law, Reuben Kauffman, Manheim, PA and cousins: Jean M. Pletcher, Gibsoma, PA, Mary Lou Fleck, Nashville, TN, Nancy Yoder, Lancaster, PA and Doris E. Taylor, Camano Island, WA.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Memorial donations in Dorothy's name may be made to Selbyville Library, 11 South Main Street, Selbyville, DE 19975.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Kauffman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I am grieved to learn of Dotti's passing. She shared she was ill, but our last communication, she shared better news. I've been trying to contact her, so googled...Dotti was a special, creative, GOD sent angel. Her light will shine forever. She was so giving, kind, & full of life. Dotti, you are forever in my heart. I miss our talks, pictures, & lunches when you'd visit. Rest comfortably, Sweet Love...Love you, friend. Rita Gray-Martin*

Rita Gray-Martin - November 25, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Dotti's work and mentoring impacted me in immeasurable ways. As an elementary ESL teacher, I used the curriculum materials she authored to help my students learn English and content. In my later professional life, Dotti taught teachers in my district how to be effective teachers of English learners. She was one of the best teachers of teachers I have ever known. I learned so much from Dotti, and treasured my time with her. Her professional expertise was unparalleled, but what I will always remember about Dotti is her laugh and her zest for life.*

Laura Lukens - October 07, 2020 at 07:59 PM

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“ *Dotti was a world class teacher. I learned so much from her. She had great empathy for people and she could win a room faster than anyone I've ever seen. She loved Indian food and her cats and her friends. Smart and funny, sassy. I will miss her.*

Linda New Levine

Linda New Levine - October 07, 2020 at 03:54 PM

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“ *She was my colleague, mentor, editor, and dear dear friend. I will miss her forever. Wish I could call her one more time. Love you dotti. Judith O'Loughlin*

Judith O'Loughlin - October 04, 2020 at 08:46 PM

 Holly
Cole

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Dotti's passing recently. She was always enjoyable to speak with and I loved her stories about whatever she was baking that day! We are forever grateful to her and Prof. Kauffman's support of AACC students through their scholarships. Thoughts are with their family and friends at this time. Holly Cole, Donor Relations and Scholarship Specialist at AACC Foundation*

Holly Cole - October 02, 2020 at 01:34 PM

JL

“ Dear Dottie,
We had lost touch for some time but the memories are still so vivid my dear friend. Bob and I met at UMCP and came to AACC the same year, 1972. You were such a stellar writer and teacher, and of course the good Prof. Kauffman, Mr. Drama Department with you by his side and in the back, making it all happen time and time again. I know where you are now, he is right there with you. God Bless you Dottie. You are in my prayers. I am so glad I had the times we did together in the work we all loved so much. You were always "there" in body and spirit with us. Joe Lamp

Joe Lamp - October 01, 2020 at 06:22 PM

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My dearest dotti,

I will always treasure the memories of training together, phone chats, and emails. Knowing you as a coach, a mentor, and a colleague, well, you were an invaluable gift to me; I appreciated your encouragement and faith in me. As for friendship, thank you for sharing your joy and exuberance for life, whether in your work at the library, cooking a holiday meal for friends, or reflecting on past experiences. Your laugh and smile will be with us all forever.

Carolyn Manley - November 02, 2020 at 07:08 AM