



Dorothy Barefoot

December 11, 1930 - May 4, 2026

Dorothy (Kiser) Barefoot went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 4, 2026.

She was

born in Forest City, North Carolina on December 11, 1930 to the late Hillard and Zennie

(Sisk) Kiser, of whom she was the only child.

Dorothy married Howard Barefoot June 2, 1953 and they shared 64 loving years together prior to his passing in 2018. Their marriage was blessed with three children who survive, Daniel (Jane) Barefoot, Paul (Sheila) Barefoot, Sharon (Don) Cady. A fourth child, Elizabeth Ann, preceded Dorothy in death. Dorothy will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother of eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. In retirement, Howard and Dorothy thoroughly enjoyed spending their winters in the Wesleyan Village, Brooksville, Florida.

Dorothy attended Cannon High School in Kannapolis, North Carolina and graduated from Guilford College in 1953 with a major in music and piano performance. Dorothy was featured in an evening senior piano recital in May 1953 where her performance included masterful interpretations of piano classics from Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Copland. She served as a guest pianist on local radio for several years and was known as the accompanist extraordinaire for numerous vocalists and musicians in addition to over 60

years as church pianist and organist.

In Dorothy's early years, she taught piano at Pilgrim Bible College in Kernersville, NC and Frankfort Pilgrim College in Frankfort, IN. In 1968, building on her passion for teaching, Dorothy pursued further studies and received her master's degree in education from Butler University. A respected and beloved teacher, Dorothy taught third grade at Harney Elementary in Lebanon, IN for 28 years, retiring in 1996. She was a Charter Member of Alpha Delta Kappa, a sorority for women educators.

Dorothy loved the Lord and his church, serving with Howard as they led Wesleyan churches in Burlington, Huntington, Lebanon and Colfax, Indiana. Her strong faith and display of Christ-like virtues led many women to seek her out as a mentor and friend. During her years as a pastor's wife, in addition to her musical talents, Dorothy was a Sunday school teacher, leader of various church organizations, frequent sought-after speaker, and along with Howard and their daughter, Sharon, directed summer Kids' Crusades for churches throughout central Indiana. Prior to local church ministry, Howard and Dorothy spent four years at All Tribes Mission School in Bernalillo, New Mexico where she taught Indian children how to play the piano.

Dorothy was blessed with a long life and the love of family, students, parishioners, and friends. We will miss her wonderful Southern cooked meals and carrot cake, celebrating family Christmas, 4th of July after-parade cookouts, family sing-alongs around the piano, her dry-wit that kept us on our toes, and most of all - knowing we were all recipients of her constant prayers and unconditional love.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation from 11:00 a.m. until the time of services. Interment will follow services at Oak

Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Frankfort Camp Ministries, 1058 N. Freeman St., Frankfort, IN 46041-2900.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ For over 30 years, Dorothy Barefoot was a gift to me from the Lord. Always made me feel as though I was part of her family. We did many things together from worshipping to just chatting. I will never forget her. I am happy to know she is with our Lord Jesus now but I do miss her.

Lindsay Moore - May 27 at 04:00 PM

SC

Lindsay, you were a dear friend to her and she loved you. Thank you for all the visits.

Sharon Cady - June 10 at 09:47 PM

LM

“ Lindsay Moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Barefoot.

Lindsay Moore - May 27 at 03:43 PM

MD

“ Today we celebrate the heavenly home going of my dear sister in law .I will miss our phone calls,that ended in "you have been a sister I never had and I love you so much. God bless the family, Myrlene Dicheck

Myrlene Dicheck - May 27 at 01:38 PM

SC

Much love to you, Aunt Myrlene. She loved you so much.

Sharon Cady - June 10 at 09:44 PM

DS

“ So very sorry Dan, Paul, Sharon and family! Sincere sympathy! Sorry I can not make the service. She was so accomplished. She was a good friend to my Mom. Thanks for sharing her with us for many years.

Dennis Smith - May 27 at 08:36 AM

SC

Thank you, Dennis.

Sharon Cady - June 10 at 09:45 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dorothy Barefoot.



May 26 at 03:23 PM


IT

“ IWU Board of Trustees purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dorothy Barefoot.



IWU Board of Trustees - May 22 at 10:06 AM

RM

“ Aunt Dorothy was an incredible woman ,aunt and so very special to me and our family. She was the best hostess in her home in Florida and Indiana..in Florida when we visited she prepared 3 delicious meals a day ,played dominoes and every morning at 6 am started preparing a wonderful breakfast for us. Most of all she was a living example of a Christian  and she played at our wedding in her home in Indiana...She will be missed but where she is ,is far better and she has been made whole. We will see each other one day abd catch up ,gone but not forgotten, Gerald and Becky may

Rebecca may - May 21 at 07:17 PM

SC

Thank you for sharing your memories. She loved you much!

Sharon Cady - June 10 at 09:48 PM

GS

“ Dorothy was a compassionate, creative educator who was a shining example to the rest of the teachers at Harney! I was fortunate to teach beside her for several years and gained little to of valuable insights into teaching to children's strengths. My child was also blessed to have Mrs. Barefoot as her teacher. Thank you, Dorothy, for sharing a life helping others with all of us.

Gail Suscha - May 14 at 06:45 PM

SC

Thank you for your memories and kind words.

Sharon Cady - June 10 at 09:51 PM

AB

“ *She was such a nice lady I ever seen before, who always thank you for any little thing you have done for her. I enjoyed working with this family very nice family I am really sorry for loss. My sincere condolences to the whole family and friends.*



Aissata Barry - May 13 at 01:11 AM

SC

Thank you, Aissata. Thank you for your care of her.

Sharon Cady - June 10 at 09:49 PM

SC

“ *I was fortunate enough to have both of your parents as teachers. Your mother was my first teacher when we moved to Lebanon. She was so kind and helped me transition to a new school where I knew no one. I truly loved both of them and they both showed the love of Christ in their everyday interactions with students. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

SusAnne Castetter - May 12 at 06:53 PM

GD

“ *Gerald and Becky may and Myrlene Dicheck purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Barefoot.*



Gerald and Becky may and Myrlene Dicheck - May 07 at 05:22 PM

SI

“ *Dorthy, a sweet sweet lady I have come to admire and love in my short 10 yrs of knowing her. The love of Jesus flowed through her so much, touching my life and all she ever met. I aspire to be like her! Till we meet again!*

Sandy Sexton, Frankfort, In - May 06 at 12:22 PM

BW

“ *She was such a sweet lady. Gone but not forgotten. Our love and prayers.*
Bill and Sue West

Bill West - May 06 at 09:42 AM