



Dorothy "Dottee" M. Todd

May 4, 1938 - April 2, 2025

Hampton - Dorothy "Dottee" M. Todd (Dalzell) of Hampton, NH passed on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, surrounded by her family following a brief illness. Born in Swampscott, Massachusetts, on May 4, 1938, Dottee was the daughter of Harrison H. and Vivian M. (Webber) Dalzell. Before moving to Rowley, Massachusetts, in 1947, Dottee lived in Lynn, Massachusetts, attending the Brickett School. Dottee followed her cousins to Newburyport High School graduating in 1955 and attended Brooks College in Boston the ensuing year.

Dottee married her high school sweetheart, Starr, on April 19, 1959, whom she met at a dance in the Rowley Town Hall in May 1951. Starr commented, "If I did not ask that shy young girl sitting in the corner to dance, I would have been really mad at myself" – he was 15 and she was just 13. Starr was drafted into the U.S Army two days before their wedding day. His tour took him to Karlsruhe, Germany, where Dottee joined him soon after. During this "long honeymoon" Dottee and Starr were able to travel to many European countries. They eventually settled in Hampton, New Hampshire in 1962, where they raised a son, Bradley, and a daughter, Janet.

Following a hotel/motel course Dottee and Starr bought the “Mayflower” on Hampton Beach in May 1976 and opened the Mayflower Inn Bed and Breakfast that summer. Dottee ran her business seasonally into the early 1990’s before scaling down to only having a few longtime guests/friends continue to spend their vacations at her B & B.

Then on to her next adventure – Todd Farm Antiques & Flea Market. As a prize winning baker Dottee ran the “Only on Sunday Cafe” with her daughter located in the farmhouse at Todd Farm during the 1994 & 1995 seasons. But, this was not Dottee’s first stint running “the kitchen”. It began back in 1973 when her father-in-law, Pate, asked her if she would be willing to make baked goods and sandwiches to be available to shopkeepers and customers alike. Again in 2007, Dottee ran the cafe during the Sunday flea markets from a food trailer in the field retiring in 2019. As late as last season shoppers and vendors continued to nag her to reopen the trailer to once again sell her delicious cakes and pastries. All she could say was, “I’m in my eighties and am needed on the field”. Dottee could be found each and every Sunday greeting vendors and customers (many by name) at the entrance with most knowing her by name too. Dottee loved to enter baking (pie) contests, and was honored when she won – which was often. Most notably, Dottee, at the urging of her mother-in-law, Mary, entered the Liberty Tree Mall’s Mother’s Day Pie Contest in May of 1975. Her apple pie took 1st place out of 109

entries and won \$100. Starr later said, "I cannot afford to eat a piece of this pie as each piece is worth about \$10".

Dottee was a member of her church for over 60 years. She was a member of the womens' guild, taught Sunday school, worked in God's Baby Closet, and ran the annual Calendar Party and fashion show several times. Dottee joined The Winnicunnet Rebekah Lodge of Hampton in the early sixties and remained a member up until her passing.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband Starr P. Todd, brother Richard

H. Dalzell, mother and father-in-law Mary (Keyes) and F. Payson Todd, brother and sister-in-law

Robert S. and Joyce "Dede" Todd and longtime friend Beverly Eastman.

Dottee is survived and will

be very much missed by her son Brad Todd and his wife Karen Parks of Dover, NH, daughter Janet

Todd, her partner Garry Williams and her daughters, Laurel and Lindsay Miller of Hampton, NH.

Dottee's granddaughters were her pride and joy. Dottee is also survived by her brother Stuart and his wife Kay Dalzell, sister-in-law Frances Dalzell, brother and sister-in-law Frank P. (Shirley) Todd, several nieces and nephews, longtime friend Janet Edward and a host of close friends.

A Celebration of Life Service is planned for Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 11AM in the First Congregational Church of Hampton, 127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, New Hampshire. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Congregational Church of Hampton by clicking here. (<https://www.fcchampton.org/>)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church
127 Winnacunnet Road
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall

LT

“ We're so sorry to hear of Dottee's passing! We'll always have fond memories of her from the many years we set up at Todd Farm Flea Market. She was always so friendly and pleasant. We also loved the pastries she baked (especially the apricot ones that Linda could never resist!) We always looked forward to seeing Dottee and Starr on Sundays during the season. We'll miss them both so much!



Linda Toivainen - April 26, 2025 at 05:19 PM

LT

This photo of Starr and Dottee is from 2009.

Linda Toivainen - April 26, 2025 at 05:23 PM

CB

“ My condolences to the entire Todd / Dalzell Families.

I had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Todd over the most recent several years on my trips to Todd Farm to buy and sell antiques. She was always cheerful and always sharp as a tack on which space was for which vendor as well. I proudly scarfed down countless pieces of her - literally - world-class baked goods. Of this I am an expert so I will not be walked back from my justified high praise!

Not sure if she would have remembered me by name but she was such a wonderful person and made such an impression upon me that I was compelled to write.

Christopher Barger

Christopher Barger - April 23, 2025 at 05:23 PM

FC

“ *I am very sorry about Dottee's passing. She was always so gracious and kind. She was a huge part of why Sundays at Todd Farm have been such a wonderful experience over the years. I will miss her warm cheery Sunday morning greetings. RIP Dottee. You will be greatly missed by so many others.*

Frank Champi - April 14, 2025 at 03:26 PM

AM

“ *A wonderful person , she made a visit to Todd's farm a great experience. She was a great baker of wonderful treats which everyone enjoyed.*

Arthur Mahfuz - April 14, 2025 at 08:34 AM

LW

“ We are sorry to learn of Dottee passing. She was so full of life and very kind to our family especially my mom Priscilla, our son Andrew and daughter Alycia whom she let park at her place on our daily visits to Hampton Beach. Will remember the many chats we had about the " Farm", her granddaughters and her daughter Janet. Please accept our deepest condolences in your loss. Heaven gained an angel.

Morrill & Wells families

Lisa Wells - April 12, 2025 at 05:20 PM

AS

“ My condolences to Janet and family. Dottie will be missed terribly. She was always my favorite stop in my many years of attending Todd Farm. I made sure to stop by her snack stand for my steamed hot dog with chopped onions, relish and mustard. Young Janet was in charge of the drinks. Would chat with Starr to catch up on current affairs and make sure I left with some homemade apricot squares and pear cake. What a disappointment when she closed the stand, but I would regularly hear her call out my name and would sit and chat with her and family at her command center at the exit. Often she would treat me to baked goods brought from home. I did not expect my visit last fall would be our last. Was a blessing to have known her!

Andrew Seminerio.

Andrew Seminerio - April 12, 2025 at 09:49 AM

AG

“ We're so saddened to hear of sweet Dottee's passing, the only solace is that she is reunited with her dear Starr. Janet and family we are so sorry for your loss. She was a magnificent woman. Xoxo Susan, Ben and Ana

Anastasia Gaouette - April 11, 2025 at 06:08 PM

BV

“ Bernice V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy "Dottee" M. Todd.

Bernice V. - April 11, 2025 at 07:39 AM

CB

“ Claudette B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy "Dottee" M. Todd.

Claudette B. - April 10, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dottee" M. Todd.



April 10, 2025 at 05:56 PM

LC

“ Dear Janet and Family,
So sorry to hear of Dottee's passing. She was a ray of sunlight every time we saw her. Always cheerful and pleasant, even at the field at 5 o'clock in the morning! Your family has a wonderful legacy that you should be very proud of. You have our condolences. Tricia and Larry Cronin

Larry Cronin - April 10, 2025 at 02:45 PM

BF

“ I am crushed. What a beautiful person Dottie was. I feel like I have lost a family member. Beyond that I am lost, truly lost. Love to all. Bud.

Bud Farnsworth - April 10, 2025 at 01:38 PM

CM

“ Janet and family, Although we had only known Dottie for a year, it was our deepest honor to have known her. The friendly smile that greeted us on Sunday's, her friendliness to Everyone she met and of course her amazing carrot cake. She will be surely missed by so many whose hearts she has touched throughout the years at Todd Farm. To Janet and her family, we send our love and condolences. Know that for all who knew your mom how blessed we all feel even if it had only been for a short time. May ANGELS be with you now during this difficult time. Chris & Larry Musker

Chris Musker - April 10, 2025 at 08:36 AM

HM

“ Dottee's warm greeting started my Sunday morning at Todd Farm. She seemed genuinely happy to see me (at 5 AM!). With warm regards, Herb from Rockport

Herbert L. Meiselman - April 10, 2025 at 07:58 AM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Dottie. We will miss her friendly welcome at Todd Farm. Jody and Ed Curran

Jody Curran - April 09, 2025 at 09:21 PM

PR

“ Priscilla & Jane from Rockport purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy "Dottee" M. Todd.



Priscilla & Jane from Rockport - April 09, 2025 at 06:22 PM

BE

“ Dottie will be missed by who knew her Heavens gain our loss She will be with Starr watching over her family now RIP

Bernice - April 09, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ What a sweet & beautiful Soul. Sorry to hear of her passing, all my love to the family. I worked for Dottee on a project or two, she was easy going and just lending the family a hand when they needed it thrilled her and Starr. I always remember her chasing me to make sure I got paid. What a sweetheart rest in peace 🙏💙

John Recupero - April 09, 2025 at 01:16 PM

KT

We will surely miss Dottee (just don't call me Dot!). Thought of her at "game night" at church.....the first in a long time. She would love to have joined us in a game of Scrabble! Our deepest sympathy to all her family.

❤️🙏🙏 Kevin and Sandy Taube

Kevin and Sandy Taube - April 10, 2025 at 04:09 PM

GF

“ *What a kind, sweet , beautiful woman. So sorry to hear of your passing . The field will never be the same without you and Star!! And I might ad Dottie was the best baker. I told her she put Duncan Hines to shame . All my best to Janet and her girls. Lots of prayers and Love!!*

Gary Forzese

Gary Forzese - April 08, 2025 at 10:42 PM

WE

“ *What a beautiful spirit. She will be deeply missed. Her smile and determination was infectious. As her kind warm heart glowed in her eyes. A wonderful life lived by an extraordinary woman. I will miss you very much Dottie. My thoughts and prayers are with you Jan, as well as your family 🙏*

Wendy - April 08, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ *Dottee and Starr were such wonderful members of our church. Together they were so welcoming and kind. Dottee (and her husband) will be missed. Sincerely, Linda George*

Linda George - April 07, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dottee" M. Todd.*



April 07, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy "Dottee" M. Todd.

April 07, 2025 at 07:15 PM