



## Dorothy Ruth Lemon

March 23, 1932 - October 27, 2023

Dixie was born on 3/23/1932 in Durango CO, the third daughter of William D. "Bill" and Dorothy I. (Dixon) Pheney. She grew up in Omaha NE, attending Benson High School and graduating from Omaha University (now UNO) with a bachelors in Spanish and a master's in education. She told the story that she drove a secondhand Army Jeep to UNO because that was the only vehicle that could make it up the muddy roads to the family home in the hills north of Council Bluffs. She married Marvin E. Campbell in 1954, from whom she was later divorced. She taught high school Colorado, California (where her daughter Sue was born) and Michigan before moving back to Omaha, where she taught at North High School from 1960-1978. A highlight of her teaching career was spending a year teaching in Barcelona, Spain in 1963-64. She completed a master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College in 1968. In 1976, she married Dr. Henry M. Lemon, to whom she was happily married for 21 years until his death in 1997. She and Henry were long time members of the First Unitarian Church of Omaha. She lived in Omaha until 2018, when she moved to Cedar Falls IA to be closer to her daughter.

She is survived by her daughter Sue (and husband Steve Erickson), stepchildren Betsey Carr (and Art Snell), H. Brace (and Judy) Lemon, Stan (and Penney) Lemon, David Lemon, Jennifer (and Mike) Schieck, 8 nieces and nephews, 16 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Preceded by her husband, sisters Gail and Gloria, daughter-in-law Reiko Lemon, one nephew,

and two grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. The family will have a graveside service at a later time with burial of her ashes in the Grange Cemetery, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice in honor of Dixie.

# Tribute Wall

SB

“Dixie (and Henry) were two of the very first people to welcome me on my first visit to First Unitarian Church. We had formerly worked together on the Board of Planned Parenthood. When I joined the church, shortly thereafter, we solidified our friendship through the Women's Alliance and later as members of a very close and devoted ministerial search committee. I think it was when I was President of our congregation, Dixie had the amazing idea of institutionalizing a legacy society for people who included the church in their wills. It became the Sarah Joslyn Society with many members, and over the years has given back to our church just as Dixie gave to when she was alive. We miss her. She was a wonderful person. Her legacy truly lives on. -Sandi Bruns

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**Sandi Bruns** - March 20, 2024 at 11:33 AM

SB

“Dixie was a wonderful woman and a friend. She and I first served together on the Board of Planned Parenthood, of Omaha/Council Bluffs, and she and Henry were two of the familiar faces I found when I first visited First Unitarian Church of Omaha. I joined and we went on to serve on a very close ministerial search committee. We also served for many years together on the Board of Tuesday Musical Concert Series. She was missed when she moved away, and I know she will be missed and remembered by many. Love to all her loved ones. Hugs, Sandi Bruns

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**Sandi Bruns** - October 30, 2023 at 05:39 PM

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*Sandi, It is so fun to hear from people who knew my mother in different capacities. She will be missed by many, but her body was worn out and ready to go. Thanks so much for your remembrance.*

*Sue Campbell*

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**Susan Campbell** - November 07, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JC

*Sue, I could talk about your mom for hours. We have lost touch over the years, and for some reason she has been on my mind recently, particularly this morning. I googled her, as I've been meaning to do, and found this. Needless to say, I am typing through tears. Recently I learned a saying that is directly applicable to this situation: Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. I'm working on it.*

*Your mom was my Spanish teacher for all four years at North (Class of '74). She took us to the Wayne State Foreign Language competition and we won first place with El Sombrero de Tres Picos. Then there's my embarrassing story about Don Quixote. She wrote one of my recommendation letters for college and very tactfully told me that I would need to step up my game for college because it would be a lot harder (I wish I'd taken that more to heart.). We occasionally played tennis. I think I may have met you once, but she talked about you all the time. If I remember correctly, you went to Carleton College. Whenever I asked how you were doing, she would say, "Sue who?" even though she knew darn well which Sue I meant. I last saw your Mom in the summer of 1977 I believe, and introduced her to my then, fiancé, currently, wife of 45 years, that I met in college. Maria was born in Cuba, so Spanish has continued to come in handy.*

*Hold fast to the blessing that your mom was in your life and the lives of so many. God is walking through this with you, and you are in the prayers of many, including me.*

*John Christensen*

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**John Christensen** - November 15, 2023 at 09:55 AM

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Susan Campbell - October 27, 2023 at 08:42 PM