



Dorothy

The Story of My Life





The story of

Dorothy Mae Keller

*Made with love by Sarah, Michael and the
whole family*

About Me

A few things to know about me, for the people who help care for me.

PLEASE CALL ME

Dottie

I GREW UP

On a farm near Mechanicsburg, Ohio

MY FAMILY

My husband Walter (he passed in 2015).
My children Sarah and Michael. Three
grandchildren and one great-grandson.

I WORKED AS

A third-grade teacher for 31 years

I LOVE

Hymns, roses, apple pie, Lawrence
Welk, a cup of coffee with cream

I FEEL CALM WHEN

Someone holds my hand, hums a
hymn, or sits with me by a window

PLEASE AVOID

Loud television and rushing me

MY MORNINGS

Coffee with cream at 7, then the
newspaper



I grew up on a farm near
Mechanicsburg, Ohio. We had cows,
chickens and a big red barn.

LET'S TALK

Did you ever live on a farm?



I walked a mile to a one-room schoolhouse. My teacher was Miss Hartley. I loved reading most of all.

LET'S TALK

What was your favorite subject in school?



Every summer we went to Indian Lake with my sister Ruth and my brother Tommy. We rowed the boat and swam until dark.

LET'S TALK

Where did your family go in the summer?



I married Walter Keller on June 9, 1956,
at First Methodist Church in Urbana. He
was the kindest man I ever knew.

LET'S TALK

*How did you meet the one you
loved?*

Hear Sarah tell about
Mom and Dad's
wedding
Scan with a phone
camera





I taught third grade at Lincoln Elementary in Springfield for 31 years. I still remember so many of my students.

LET'S TALK

Who was a teacher you never forgot?



Walter and I lived in a little white house on Maple Street for 57 years. We raised Sarah and Michael there.

LET'S TALK

What was your favorite room in your house?



I make the best apple pie. It's my mother's recipe, with lots of cinnamon.

LET'S TALK

What's your favorite pie?



I love my roses. My favorites are the pink Peace roses by the porch.

LET'S TALK

What flowers did you grow?



Our beagle, Buttons, followed me
everywhere I went.

LET'S TALK

Tell me about a dog you loved.



I love singing hymns. "How Great Thou Art" is my favorite.

LET'S TALK

Shall we sing a hymn together?

Hear Michael sing
Mom's favorite hymn
Scan with a phone
camera



My People Today

The people who love me.

S

Sarah

my daughter

M

Michael

my son

E

Emma

my granddaughter

J

Jack

my grandson

L

Lily

my granddaughter



Oliver

my great-grandson

My Favorite Things

Music	Hymns, Glenn Miller, the Lawrence Welk Show
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Food	Apple pie, fried chicken, coffee with cream
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Flower	Pink Peace roses
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Color	Robin's-egg blue
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Place	Indian Lake in the summer
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Saying	"Many hands make light work."
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