



## Doris Ann Skelton

November 21, 1937 - July 9, 2020

Dr. Doris Ann Skelton, 82, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Southeast Hospital.

She was born November 21, 1937 in Fort Smith, Arkansas to James and Doris McGruder Baggett.

She received her Doctorate from University of Arkansas.

She was a Professor of Clinical Psychology at Southeast Missouri State University for over 40 years, retiring in 2007.

She was a board member of Community Counseling Center Foundation and lifetime member of Optimist Club of Cape Girardeau.

She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her close companion, Archie Smith of Cape Girardeau; and two nieces, Elizabeth J. Dearman and Susan Prewett Berry both of Forrest City, Arkansas.

There will be no services.

Memorial contributions may be given to Community Counseling Center of Cape Girardeau, 402 S. Silver Springs Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 or Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 N. Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“Doris, you taught me the real meaning of empathy by your words and your deeds. Whenever I was at a crossroads in counseling my students, I’d think, “What would Doris and Dottie do?” Then I would know. Thank you, precious teacher!

Jan Finch - December 13, 2020 at 08:28 AM

DA

“Dr. Skelton was a kind and loving teacher. I have many fond memories of classes with her at SEMO. Rest in peace.

Dana - July 14, 2020 at 05:27 PM

CH

“Doris you will forever be in my heart. What an amazing professor who took her students and molded them cared for them and nurtured them toward their journey in the counseling profession. God has gained an Angel.

Crystal Hammond-Morrow - July 11, 2020 at 11:44 PM

CA

I agree with every word. Thank you for setting the foundation for a wonderful counseling career!

Charlotte Atchison - July 12, 2020 at 02:54 PM

SU

God Bless you Doris. You were a wonderful teacher who influenced the lives of many, including myself.

Steve Unterreiner - July 14, 2020 at 07:51 PM

JM

“ *Julieta Monteiro-Leitner lit a candle in memory of Doris Ann Skelton*



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**Julieta Monteiro-Leitner** - July 11, 2020 at 07:05 PM

JM

“ *Doris, every time I hear a school counselor making a savvy, witty and creative school counseling, I will see you. You are a great friend and colleague to have. You are loved by so many of your former students and colleagues who were lucky to work with you. I am grateful to be one of them. You will live forever in the goodness of school counseling as a beautiful and so necessary profession in the school districts. I have the warmest and best memories of my collegian partnership in the counseling program at SEMO together with Dottie. I learned a lot from you and your legacy is everlasting. Please continue to bless us.*

*Julieta Monteiro-Leitner*

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**Julieta Monteiro-Leitner** - July 11, 2020 at 07:02 PM

JF

*Dear, dear Doris. During my undergrad years, you said in Techniques of Teaching Math, “If you only remember one thing from my class, never give math problems as a punishment. You want the students to like math!” Never did! I owe my 30 years of counseling to both you and Dottie. You are the gold standard for counseling and taught us to be warm and empathic towards our students. You personified those characteristics. I thank you and my students thank you. We’ve lost a treasure here on earth, but heaven’s gained an angel!❤️*

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**Jan Finch** - July 15, 2020 at 12:59 AM