



## Dorothea Hottenstein Driscoll

April 19, 2016

Dorothea Hottenstein Driscoll 97 of Towanda was called to be with the Lord on Tuesday April 19 at the Sayre Health Care Center where she had been a resident for the last four years. Born in Towanda in 1918, she was the daughter of the late Hattie Molyneaux Hottenstein and Sedgwick McCoy Hottenstein, co-owner of the Van Horn and Hottenstein Chevrolet Garage in Towanda during the late 1920's and early 1930's. She was the wife of Ralph Nelson Driscoll, a Penelec Meter Man, who preceded her in death in 1987. They enjoyed 45 wonderful years of marriage. Dorothea was pre-deceased by her sister Marion Elizabeth Hottenstein, a Towanda Business Woman; brother, Leon Claire Hutton, who became the International Vice-President of Carrier Corporation; and sister-in-law, Jean Cowan Hutton. Dorothea is survived by her daughter Karen Kuykendall Bracken, of Sayre; granddaughter, Christy Kuykendall Baker, of Sayre; son-in-law, Kevin Baker; and two great grandchildren, Tory Kaigan-Kuykendall and Kevin Christopher (K.C.) Baker, niece, Diana Hutton Hayes, of Hendersonville N.C. and cousin, Nancy Driscoll Kelly, of Towanda and long-time friends Albert (Red) Ingerick and his wife Marion.

Dorothea was a home town girl. She graduated from Towanda High School in 1936. Her first job was at the Berlinger Silk Mill on Lombard Street in Towanda. Other places of employment were Vaughn's Flower Shop, Silco Discount Store, and the Towanda Borough Tax Office. She continued to work on taxes for Towanda Area School District and retired in 1982.

Dorothea was lifelong member of the Towanda Methodist Church. She was a member of the Merry Methodics Circle which put on Lenten Luncheons, church suppers, and Mothers' Day Banquets. She was a Girl Scout Brownie Leader, a member of the Junior Federated Women, the American Legion Auxiliary, Eastern Star, and the Towanda Garden Club. Dorothea enjoyed helping organize Towanda High School Class of 1936 Reunions, and spent many hours volunteering at Rainbow's End, the Towanda Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop. She also liked going on trips with Towanda Senior Citizens. At the age of 13 Dorothea was a polio victim. Being one of the lucky ones, she had no serious lasting effects. As a result of never learning to drive, she spent many years walking up and down the hills of Towanda going to church, work, and shopping in her early life and after the death of her husband. She attributed her long life to the amount of walking she did. Dorothea loved genealogy and liked telling the story of her famous grandfather, Civil War Medal of Honor Winner, Solomon Jefferson Hottenstein. She archived many events of local history in scrapbooks and wrote occasional feature articles about her memories of the good old days of her youth that were published in the Daily Review. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday April 27, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the Towanda Methodist Church. The funeral service will immediately following at 2:00 with the Reverend Sherry Good officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda. Memories and condolences may be expressed online by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions in honor of Dorothea be made to the Towanda Methodist Church at 105 Main Street Towanda, PA 18840.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Towanda Methodist Church  
Main Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

## Service

APR 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothea Hottenstein Driscoll*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Dorothea Hottenstein Driscoll*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Dorothea Hottenstein Driscoll*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Dorothea Hottenstein Driscoll*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Dorothea Hottenstein Driscoll*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

LM

“ Karen--I have just learned of your mom's passing. It has been many years since I have seen "Auntie Dosh" but I still have fond memories of holidays and visits at Gram Hutton's house and camp.

*I hope you and your family are doing well. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.*

*With love,  
Laurie (Hutton) McCarthy*

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**Laurie McCarthy** - April 26, 2016 at 10:59 AM

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“ Karen-- We have you in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of your mother, a very special lady. She was indeed fortunate to have you caring about her during these years of her declining health. Sincerely with love,

*Ed & Barbara Ulatowski*



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**Barbara Ulatowski** - April 24, 2016 at 09:52 AM

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“ Karen,  
*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. We hope that Dorothea is at peace. We will miss seeing her at the nursing home. Bill and Ann Loose*

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**Ann** - April 22, 2016 at 10:25 PM