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Bessie "Bess" Lee Hittle, 85, of Dresden, died Thursday morning, May 16, 2024, at Altercare Zanesville with her husband by her side.

Born on May 29, 1938, in Zanesville, Bess was the daughter of the late William and Claris (Moore) McCutcheon. A 1956 graduate of Zanesville High School, she devoted herself to homemaking. Her passion for gardening extended to cultivating fruits and vegetables, which she skillfully transformed into delicious home-cooked meals and desserts.

Bess's specialty was baking apple pies and preserving produce from her garden. Her lifestyle was marked by activity, from engaging in line dancing and water aerobics to enjoying music. Over the years, she transitioned from being a 4-H member to serving as an advisor for many years and providing leadership throughout Muskingum County.

Among her many accomplishments, Bess took immense pride in her involvement with her church. As a dedicated member of the Dresden United Methodist Church, she contributed to meal preparations, sang in the choir, and held leadership positions including the esteemed position of past president of the United Methodist Women.

Surviving is her loving husband of 66 years, Loren "Max" Hittle, whom she married May 26, 1957; three children, Scott (Susan) Hittle, Bonnie (Glenn) Gamary, and D.J. Hittle; four grandchildren, Jarrod (Ashley) Hittle, Justin (Brie) Hittle, Kirsten Gamary, and Delanie (Jason) Rock; five great grandchildren, Ayla, Alair, Quentin, Shepard, and Emmett; two sisters-in-laws, Kathleen and Sylvia McCutcheon and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her nine siblings, Bill, Joe, Josie, Sally, Peggy, Helen, Glenn, Wanda, and Eddie. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a memorial contribution that will provide scholarships to local 4-H members. Contributions may be made to the Muskingum County 4-H Endowment Fund at The Ohio State University Foundation, PO Box



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710811, Columbus, OH 43271 or give online at go.osu.edu/musk4hendonment. Please indicate Fund #605084, in memory of Bess Hittle with your donation.

Visitation will be held 2-4pm and 6-8pm, Monday, May 20, 2024, at the Dresden United Methodist Church, 1014 Main Street, Dresden. Funeral services will be held at 11:00am, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the church with Pastor Dan Wells officiating.



Tribute Wall

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SP

Sandra (West) Pritchard posted:

Bess was my ZHS 1956 classmate and a very sweet person. My sympathies to the family I know she will be missed.

May 20 at 2:56 PM

RW

Ron And Chris Wisecarver posted:

So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers

May 20 at 2:50 PM

TA

Terry Alton posted:

My condolences to Max, Scott, Bonnie, and DJ. Bess was the best! A life well lived. She will be missed.

May 20 at 10:09 AM

MM

Marilyn Mannarino posted:

Bess was a very honorable & accomplished woman. She served as an awesome role model to the younger ones. She will be missed by many. Max, Bonnie, Scott, DJ my thoughts & prayers are with youz

May 19 at 6:32 PM

JS

Jon & Stef Shirer posted:

So sorry to hear this news. Our condolences to the entire Hittle family.

May 19 at 10:21 AM

DK

Dan Kincheloe posted:

Condolences and Prayers for the Hittle family. Dan and Pat Kincheloe

May 18 at 4:13 PM



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SB

Sue Hindel (Border) posted:

Sorry for your lost D.J Hittle

May 18 at 3:03 PM

HM

Howard & Emma Myers posted:

Praying for the family. May God give you peace and strength during your time of grieving.

May 17 at 8:07 PM

JH

Jenn (Cohagen) Hawkins posted:

Max, DJ, and family- Bess was a lovely woman. I am so sorry for your loss.

May 17 at 4:52 PM

SM

Sandra Menning posted:

Prayers for Max and the entire family. Bess was a class act.

May 17 at 1:20 PM

RP

Rick And Becky Martin Priest posted:

Our sincere sympathy to your family

May 17 at 8:06 AM

RL

Randy And Joyce Lincicome posted:

To the Hittle Family , sorry to read of your loss. Your family are in our prayers. The County and community lost a grand, humble lady who did alot of good and service for others .Mrs. Hittle , proud of her family will do very well in Heaven. RIP Mrs. Hittle.

May 17 at 6:20 AM



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SD

Sheila Dailey posted:

What a wonderful lady! Always so positive and caring. I enjoyed seeing her and Max at restaurants or just out and about. We would visit and talk about our kids and grandkids. They were a happy couple who appeared to be deeply in love. Although Bess will be missed on earth, she is now enjoying a wonderful life with God. Beautiful photo!

May 17 at 3:15 AM

SW

Sheryl Starner Williams posted:

Dearest Max and family, My love and prayers to you all in the passing of your sweet Bess. She has been a big part of Dresden and Muskingum County over the years. Thanks to her for serving others most of her life. Much love Sheryl Starner Williams

May 17 at 2:46 AM



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Join us in honoring Bessie "Bess" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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