



## Alice (Hodge) Hutchinson

January 5, 2010

HUTCHINSON, Alice (Hodge), 89, of Louisville, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at the Eastern Star Home. Alice, a native of Tennessee, and her late husband, John William "Bill" Hutchinson, operated the Western Auto Store in Bardstown, KY. They belonged to the Bardstown Baptist Church, where they developed a clown ministry. Alice and Bill moved to Louisville in 1989, where they helped oversee the daily operations at Owen Funeral Home. After Bill's death, Alice continued to work for the funeral home, devoting over 20 years of service to the business. Alice enjoyed music, especially the Lawrence Welk stars and Steve Cooper. She was a member of the Fairmount Baptist Church. She is survived by her children, Terry Lewis (Tommy), Julie Payne (Warren), Pamela Owen (David), and Amy Zucker (Jim); grandchildren, Missy Powers (Brad), Alan Lewis (Stephanie), Rachel Hood, and Jakob and Joseph Zucker; great-grandchildren, Katie and Luke Powers, and Tanner, Tommy and Tyler Lewis; and brother, Gordon Hodge, and sister, Mattie Galyon. Alice's service will be 11am Saturday at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday 12pm-9pm at the funeral home. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hosparus of Louisville, P.O. Box 35425, Louisville, KY 40232-9892 or Walnut Street Baptist Church TV Ministry, 1101 South Third St., Louisville, KY 40203.

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Dear Pam - Even though I did not know your mother, my heart aches for your loss. An individual as fine, kind, beautiful and spiritual as yourself could only have been nurtured by an equally gifted woman.

Much love -

Anne Bunger

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Anne Bunger - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CL

“ What a wonderful, amazing lady! I had known Alice online and enjoyed meeting her in Branson a couple of years ago. The love she expressed just bubbled out in all she did, and was returned by everyone she met. She is a wonderful example to all of us of cheerful flexibility. She didn't let obstacles get the best of her, but still found ways to spread cheer and to help others.

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Carolyn Lindsey - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

SV

“ I first meet Alice in Branson, Mo at the PBS taping years ago. We enjoyed last visit with her in Germantown, TN in 2009. Our Alice was an Elegant Lady and loved by all. We looked forward to getting her e-mails and she always asked about our motorcycle trips. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alice and her family. She really will be missed.

Love, Stan and Nina

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Stan and Nina Viets - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

AQ

“ Alice was a sweet person, she allways tried to help people. She was member of Welk, and when she heard that I did not get Welk in Georgia she sent me many tapes so I could watch Welk and be able to keep up with the programs. She will be sorely missed. May God Bless her and Keep her in his tender care. My prayers are with her family. Lady Duckie.

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**Angela Quirke** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

MA

“ Sorry to hear of Alices passing she will be missed. She was so full of life and had lots of energy. She has a wonderful web site that is still on line. Alice will never be forgotten.

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**Marie** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

DZ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Alice's passing on to eternal rest. I am a Welknotes fan. Your mother had such an interesting life. I think that we all loved her biography. Peace to her family. Doris Zizzi

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**Doris Zizzi** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

KC

“ I'm so happy that I got to meet Alice on two occasions (Welk concerts). One only had to encounter her very briefly to realize what a treasure she truly was. My condolences to the family; may God's peace and comfort be with you at this time.

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**Karen Cooksley** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

TR

“ Alice was a wonderful woman. I never met her 'in person' but felt like I knew her that way because of our correspondence. I will miss her presence so much. She was always so cheerful and optimistic and I know that anyone who was in her company was better for it. We now have another Angel in heaven who will look out for us. May she rest in peace and my condolences to all of her big family and many friends. Love, Tom

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**Tom Rombousek** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

AT

“ Dear Alice was a star of WelkNotes and a star of life. I will never forget her exclaiming on her first visit to NYC at age 80+ with a cane, "I'm walking the streets of New York!" Her funny e-mails kept me laughing and gave me hope there could still good things ahead at mid-life.

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**Andrea Thorne** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

AN

“ To Alice's family and friends, I will miss the Grand Dame of WelkNotes. I never had the good fortune to meet Alice, but still feel like I lost a friend. We mourn her passing, but we are blessed by such a wealth of good memories of Alice.

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**Ann** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

AG

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Alice Hutchinson's family. I met Alice in Branson at the taping of a Lawrence Welk Special at the Welk Theatre in 2002. I have a framed picture of Alice and myself taken at that time. Alice and I have communicated with each other via emails. A few years ago, Alice was on a bus trip. She informed me that the bus would be stopping in Carlisle, PA., where I live, for the night enroute to their destination. I met the bus when it arrived, and Alice and I had dinner together that evening and breakfast the next morning. That was the last time I saw Alice. Alice was a wonderful person and will be missed and thought of often.

Audrey Gottshall

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**Audrey Gottshall** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

DE

“ To Alice's Dear Family,  
My Heart go out to All of you. Your Mom & Grandmother was & is One in a Million!! If you don't know who I am, I'm the Lady in the wheelchair that told Alice how she could fly on her own with help from the airlines. When we met in Branson.  
Alice was my Rose from the South & I loved her and Always Will!!!! I will be praying for All of You.  
Love, Donalda Erickson

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**Donalda Erickson** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

KK

“ Terry and family,

Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Kerry & Donna Kerlin** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

SW

“ *To the family of Alice Hutchinson*

*My deepest sympathy to you all. Alice was a wonderful woman who will be solely missed by all those that had the privilege of knowing her. I'll never forget the years of working with her and Bill at Bardstown Baptist Church and especially working with her in the clown ministry. She was a true gift from God. May you find comfort knowing that she is with our Lord making him smile.*

*Sincerely,  
Stephanie (Holcombe) Whitehouse*

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**Stephanie Holcombe Whitehouse** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

SB

“ *Dear Alice's Family,*

*It was such an honor to get to meet Alice for the first time in Branson, MO at a Welk PBS taping. Such a gracious and charming lady. Last February it was nice to be able to spend more time with Alice in Germantown, TN.*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to you in this tender time. What a blessing to all of us who had the opportunity to meet Alice. She will be missed.*

*With thoughts and prayers,  
Sheryl Buss  
Eagan, Minnesota*

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**Sheryl Buss** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

“ My dear WelkNote friends, I really appreciate all the wonderful posts about Alice. I use to call her "My Alice" because she was so dear to me. I am sure her family will remember all of these wonderful things being said about her. After all, they knew her best.

Alice was an elegant lady but more than that, she was full of the spirit of God and she was a very "spirited" lady too. Her personality sparkled in a way that no one could ever come close to duplicating. One day I may write the group and tell of more funny experiences in our travels together but right now my heart is very full. The memories that are the funniest are some in the hotel rooms when getting ready to go to breakfast or a concert. She was a beautiful person inside and out but she HAD to look just so-so when we went anywhere. It started with WHAT to wear down to the last little detail on her beautiful face.

The "picking out of jewelry" was another comedy routine. She brought her whole house full of jewelry and had to show me the whole deal when she arrived so I would be familiar with it all before we dressed. She had to sleep in a certain bed a certain way ( facing the wall) and just when I thought I had that all figured out she would come in the door and say, Wrong bed". I laughed every time - and then we reshuffled the luggage. As most the ladies can relate, the "putting of panty hose on" was one of the funniest memories I have of Alice. She and I both tugged until we ended up on the bed laughing.

WelkNotes brought us together and for that, Judy Shaw, I thank you endlessly.

I will miss you Alice and I know you are dancing to Welk music with Bill,

By the way, Alice's daughter Terry, called me last night after she had been to Louisville and wanted me to know that Alice went very peacefully and I know we are all thankful for that. We reminisced a lot about the Memphis trip we took together. I'm sure some of you met Terry. She is like Alice in that they are two very precious people. Terry and Alice were so funny together. They were exact opposites and they were like a comedy duo. They are all being very brave

*although they have suffered a great loss.*

*Much love, Tainne*

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**Fontaine Schoenfeld** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

MG

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Pam Owen and her family.*

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**Mary Gayle Gurley** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

FV

“ *How much we have enjoyed Alice. Not only personal but through the Welknotes and Steve Cooper. She has been a wonderful lady and the Welknotes will miss her so much. She has been so wonderful through the Welknotes and her e-mails to us. May God be with you as you have to go through saying good bye to this wonderful lady.*

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**Faye Vastbinder** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

MW

“ *I know Alice will be dearly missed by all of you. You will all be in my family's thoughts and prayers. If we can be of any help we will be honored.*

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**Martin Walters** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CO

“ I have been a member of Welknotes for almost 9 years and had the privilege of meeting Alice at a couple of Lawrence Welk Shows. She is truly a lady of class and compassion. I cherish the time I had to speak with her and always enjoyed her posts on Welknotes. She was such a thoughtful, fun person. I pray that God's arms of love will surround her family during this difficult time. God bless you all.

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**Courtney** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

MS

“ The world has lost a bright light. Our Alice was such a special human being and it was a pleasure and a great honour to have gotten to know her. My fondest memory was of the day we spent at Niagara on the Lake when our Alice visited Niagara Falls just shortly after her double knee replacement surgery. She was really a trooper. Nothing could stop our Alice - she was the posterchild for the "Unsinkable Molly Brown". We had a grand time together as we drove Alice to see the sights at Niagara on the Lake which most tour groups neglect when visiting Niagara Falls. She had such a great sense of humour and was always so caring and understanding. I lost a dear friend. I am consoled in the knowledge that she is now dancing to Mr. Welk's music in heaven. My condolences to her family that she loved so dearly and spoke of so fondly when we were together. She will always remain alive in our hearts.

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**Mitzi Stevens** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

LA

“ I am so sorry to hear about dear Alice's passing. She was such a special and beautiful lady. She was loved by all her Welknote friends. I am happy that I had the pleasure of meeting her in Branson. I know she is in a better place and not suffering any more. My deepest sympathy to all her family. ] My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very sad and difficult time. Fondly,  
Lorraine Alberga

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**Lorraine Alberga** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CN

“ i am a member of welknotes. i never had the joy of meeting alice but others did.i enjoyed her bio. what a facinating life, and to join the internet at age 80. good for her and a real blessing to welknotes.prayers and love to you. alice will be missed by all of us. claudia, phoenix

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**claudia noller** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JB

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Alice in person but she claimed a special place in my heart during almost three years of e-mail correspondence after we 'met' on WelkNotes. Because Alice and I accepted the salvation provided by JESUS CHRIST, I know I'll get to meet her in person in Heaven some day. I look forward to that day! May God grant peace to Alice's family during this time of sorrow at her passing and celebration of a life well lived.

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**Janice Bullock** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

DN

“ I had the great privilege of living across the street from the Hodge family in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1941. It was there I met the eldest daughter, Alice, who had flashing eyes, raven black hair and the most beautiful smile one could imagine. Although I only knew her for a short two years, memories of Alice lingered long in my mind thereafter. Her family and friends will justifiably grieve over her departure from this world but the angels in heaven will be singing a song of welcome as she walks through the golden gates of heaven.

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**Darden Newman** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

ES

“ Dear Terry and family,  
I was sadden to hear the news of your precious Mother Alice passing away. I met her with my late husband David (My dear husband passed away Nov. 14th, 2009 at age 68 of face and neck cancer) in Branson when she was in a wheelchair getting ready for her knee operation so she could dance again. She was such a sweet and elegrant lady. Really enjoyed talking to her and I know she is in heaven with Lawrence Welk making everyone dance with her. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.  
Eileen Sokolowski, Liverpool, NY

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**eileen & david sokolowski** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CR

“ Pam, David and Rachael, So sorry to hear of your loss. Our Prayers are with you at this time.

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**Charlotte & Ronnie Raymond** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JG

“ Pam, So sorry to hear about your Mom. Deepest Sympathy

*Jan & Bob*

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**Jan Gibson** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

LF

“ Our sympathy is being sent to all of Alice's family. She was such a sweet person and a dear friend. We know that she is in a better place now. God Bless you all.

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**Larry & Carolie Feller** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

RG

“ Dearest Alice, you were an angel on earth, and now you are an angel in Heaven. You are already greatly missed and will never be forgotten. I know we will see each other again one day. With love from your WelkNote friend Rosanne.

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**Rosanne Galletta** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

PF

“ David and Pam,  
I was so sorry to hear that sweet Alice had died. She was SO very kind to me when I was but a student in mortuary college. Both she and Mr. Bill always treated me as equally (or better sometimes) than any other person. When I think of Alice, I see her with a smile on her face.....always. Pam, you were so very blessed to have for your mother. I was so very blessed to know her and be able to call her friend.

*Polly Forns*

*Hughart & Beard Funeral Home  
Hopkinsville, KY*

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**Polly Forns** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

MH

“ *What can I say! Girls, I know where you are right now. I believe that I was probably one of the first fans of Welk that Alice met. Julie brought her to Berea, KY and we had lunch at Boone Tavern. It was from this visit that her fan pages were born. I thought of her often and will miss her greatly. God bless all of you and hold her memories close to your heart.*

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**Mary Alice Hunt** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

GM

“ *ALICE WAS A VERY SPECIAL LADY, LOVED BY ALL. HER SWEET SMILE, AND BEAUTIFUL EYES JUST DREW YOU TO HER. SHE WAS A FRIEND TO EVERYONE, WHETHER YOU HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING HER IN PERSON, OR BEING HER E-MAIL FRIEND. WELKNOTES LOST ONE OF OUR MOST LOVED MEMBERS JANUARY 5TH. MAY HER FAMILY FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING SHE IS WITH HER LORD AND SAVIOR. GOODBYE OUR WELKNOTES ROSE.  
GENE & DIANE MAXWELL*

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**GENE & DIANE MAXWELL** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

LF

“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT ALICE-S PASSING. FROM A WELKNOTE FRIEND.....L.F.*

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**LINDA FISHER** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CL

“ *What a privilege it has been to know this remarkable lady. When she arrived at any gathering where I attended, her presense always lit up the room. She is now a bright light in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Rest in peace, Dear Friend.*

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**Charles Letterman** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

RB

“ Terry and family I had the pleasure of meeting Alice in Branson. She was so very kind to me. She put together a Welk passages page for me that I will now dedicate to her. I will miss her very much. My condolences go out to all of you. My best to all of you during this time of transition.

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**Roger Bosley** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JS

“ Alice was such a unique individual. I have known her for a little over 10 yrs. but in the very beginning, she weaved her way into my heart very quickly with her first or second email (we were online 'buddies'). Everybody in our WelkNotes online group just luvvvvvvvved Alice - because she was just so luvable!!!! We have all been dreading the day that she would leave us but we know that she was prepared to meet her Maker.

And to her Family: I know how important all of you were to her. You took such good care of her and always made sure that she was able to go to the WelkNotes out of town events. Ya'll are to be commended.

Alice - our very special WelkNoter - you will be forever in our hearts.

Signed with tears of Love,

Judy Shaw

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**Judy Shaw** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

EF

“ We will miss you loads Alice and will cherish our special times together.....

*I know you are now with our Lord, and at Peace.*

*Thanks so much for arranging Steve's Fan club..  
will always remember Chicago with fond memories.*

*Love,  
Evelyn Ferstl*

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**Evelyn Ferstl** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CB

“ Dear Pam and David,

*We are so sorry for your loss. She must have been a wonderful person based on the obituary.*

*Best Regards to you all,*

*Charley and Marty*

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**Charley and Marty Blair** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JR

“ Dear Pam, David and Rachael,  
Our deepest sympathy. We are so sorry about your loss. Mom and Dad are out-of-town but send their condolences. Take care.

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**Janet, Sonny Meyer and Eileen Meyer Renoc** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CJ

“ *My heartfelt sympathy is sent to the family of dear Alice. Please take comfort in the knowledge that she is now in a place that is much better than this earth that she left.*

*Many lives were enriched by Alice in a most positive manner, and I was honored to be considered her friend. May her sweet disposition and love of life be forever remembered.*

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**Charles H. Jones** - June 28, 2018 at 04:16 PM