

Dorothy Hutchins is a farmer, an active community member, and a retired teacher. Dorothy was raised on a farm on the Stafford-Reno County line west of Hutchinson. She and her husband Kent, who passed away in 2003, farmed in Scott County. Dorothy is still involved with both farms. She graduated from Kansas State University with a BS in Elementary Education. After teaching second grade for many years, Dorothy spent 20 years substituting mainly in the high school, teaching everything from weight training to vocational agriculture. Dorothy retired from teaching in 2007.

As a 4-H member, Dorothy was involved in the beef project showing Herefords. She was a charter member of the Kansas Junior Hereford Association and served as its first secretary, a position she held for several years. Dorothy served on the William Carpenter 4-H Foundation board for 20 years and was the state coordinator for the Kansas 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus trip for 15 years. She currently is the 4-H record book leader for Scott County and is a 4-H foods judge. In 1998, Dorothy was presented a citation for "Outstanding Service to Kansas 4-H."

Dorothy has served on several boards, including the Scott County Library Board, Scott County Extension Council, and the Scott County Arts Council Board. She currently serves on the Board of the Golden Rule Preschool as their treasurer. Dorothy is also active in United Methodist Women, serving the group as treasurer. She belongs to P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization. From 2006 to 2009, Dorothy served on the Executive Board for the 2009 State Convention as secretary-treasurer. Currently she is serving her first year of a three-year appointment as State Chair of the P.E.O. Scholar Awards. In 2001, Dorothy received Scott County's Volunteer of the Year Award.

Dorothy has two grown children (Andrea and Douglas) and three grandchildren (Hayden, Brady and Alexa). She enjoys traveling, playing bridge, reading, counted cross stitch, watching/attending football games and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.