

Dorothy Scott says farewell to real estate business

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After 40 years in the real estate business in Holyoke, Dorothy Scott is exchanging the work world for retirement.

The veteran real estate broker has experienced numerous changes in the industry since she started writing contracts in 1973.

The contracts themselves are a good example of change as the contracting process is much more complicated. Real estate transactions used to be handled with one- or two-page contracts and now can be 17 pages or more.

Computers have made a vast difference in completing contracts, storing files and communicating with potential customers for either buying or selling property.



Dorothy Scott organizes her office for retirement and closes the chapter of her life in the real estate business.

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When Scott started her business, it was strictly typewriter work for contracts, communication and more.

Scott was a leading lady in the workforce in Holyoke. She owned and operated DeVee Floral from 1961-1973. She and her husband Blaine relocated the floral shop to 127 S. Interocean Ave. in 1965, where the Flower Garden is now housed.

But her real business love began in 1973 when she went into the real estate profession and started D. Scott Realty.

In 1976, the Scotts built a new office at 114 E. Denver St., where the Headquarters is currently located.

Twenty-seven years later, D. Scott Realty moved less than a half block to the east, to its current site at 130 E. Denver St.

Over the span of 40 years, various salespersons have worked with Scott in her real estate business.

She has been active in the Holyoke community, especially the Chamber of Commerce. She served on the Holyoke Centennial Commission in 1988 and worked diligently with the chamber to help plan the 100th-year celebration for Holyoke.

Scott was a Democratic candidate for Phillips County commissioner in 1986 and served the Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union on its board of directors for 10 years from 2000-10.

An avid golfer, Scott was involved in the Holyoke Women's Golf Association for many years and competed in numerous tournaments in the area.

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Scott's two children, Billie Caldwell and Marc Scott, live in the Denver area, and she has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Scott has enjoyed connecting people with the house that matched them, and she will miss that role. "The community has been wonderful to me," she added.

D. Scott Realty has officially closed. While she's no longer selling real estate, Dorothy still goes to the office regularly to organize for retirement.

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