



Doris May (Vodvick) Thompson

May 20, 1926 - July 13, 2016

Bend, Oregon Doris May was the second born child to Mike and Jennie (Toth) Vodvick in a small, early Bend area house. When she was very small her family Mom, Dad, and older sister (Mary Stefania) moved to a small farm in the Arnold Irrigation District east of Bend. Not only did the family work the land tilling, cultivating, planting, harvesting food and fiber for themselves, but also for their animals that included cows, pigs, chickens, and workhorses. In order to make a living the family sold their extra fruit and vegetables to the local stores. Doris began school at seven years old in the rural 8-grade Richardson School, which was three miles from her home. She walked to and from school with her sister and the other neighbor children the parents often took turns driving the children in bad weather. Doris graduated from the eighth grade at Richardson School and went on to graduate from Bend High School in 1943. Doris worked for Trailways Bus Service and for a Credit and Loan office. The onset of World War II brought war to Central Oregon when the Army maneuvers began training men. Bend had an Army Vehicle Repair and Motor Pool Doris was in charge of the Motor Pool activities. During her tenure as Motor Pool Activities Director, Doris met Milton E. (Tommy) Thompson who was with the Navy Construction Battalion. Doris married Tommy in December 1945. After Doris and Tommy married, they moved to Paso Robles, California and started a Concrete Brick Building business. The opportunity came to move back to Bend and purchase part of the land that Doris parents traded their Arnold District Farm for the new, larger "Yeoman Road Farm." Doris and

Tommy continued their Concrete Brick Building Business in Bend and built two homes on the Yeoman Road Farm for both families. Doris began a 30-year career with the Bend City Records Office and retired. She was the only one in that office who knew how to run the "old" mimeograph machine! Doris and Tommy enjoyed hunting and deep-sea fishing trips to the Oregon Coast, California, and Mexico. After her husband died in 1993, she enjoyed bowling in the Bend Bowling League and golfing at the Redmond Juniper Golf Club. Doris belonged to the Eastern Star Grange, the Deschutes County Pioneers Association, Juniper Golf Ladies Group, and the ELPO Luncheon Group. Doris is survived by her sister, Mary Stefania Putnam of Tumalo; a niece, Rose (James) Reardon of Milwaukie, Oregon; two nephews, Stephan (Arlene) Putnam of Tumalo; David (Diane) Putnam of Redmond; and numerous great nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life & BBQ will take place on August 13, 2016 at 11:30 A.M. on the "Yeoman Road Farm" site 3350 NE Purcell Blvd, Bend, OR. Please make donations to the Central Oregon Veterans Outreach Organization at 61510 South Hwy, 97 Suite 100, Bend, OR 97702.

Funeral Home:

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