



Dorothy M. Shannon

September 7, 1913 - June 25, 2012

Dorothy passed away surrounded by her family and loving caregiver, Darlene Gaines, on June 25, 2012. She is survived by her daughter, Patty Warlick (Tim) of Bend, Oregon; five grandchildren, Chris Warlick of Bend, Oregon, Eric Warlick (Molly) of Portland, Oregon, Tim Shannon (Heather) of Boring, Oregon, Erin Dawson (Jim) of Mechanicsville, Virginia, and Molly Vida (James) of Orange, California; and eight great-grandchildren. Dorothy was born in Duluth, Minnesota, to Alfred (Shorty) Graham and Alberta McWaters Graham. Dorothy met Merle Bernard Shannon and they were married on May 18, 1935, in Anacortes, Washington. Merle worked for Standard Oil Company and Dorothy was a loving and doting, stay-at-home mother for their son, Terry. Their daughter, Patty was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1945. Merle and Dorothy eventually moved to Albany, Oregon, where Merle continued his career with Standard Oil and Dorothy with First National Bank. In 1957, the family moved to Eugene, Oregon, where Dorothy worked in the Trust Department of First National Bank before taking over as manager of Patterson Tower from the early 1960s, until her retirement and subsequent move to Bend, Oregon, in the early 80s, where she and Merle retired. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Merle, after fifty-three years of marriage; her son, Terry; and her three siblings, Don Graham, Pat Pitchford, and Mark Graham. Dorothy loved knitting, playing gin rummy, working crossword puzzles, cooking, and listening to music. Dancing was one of Dorothy's greatest passions and was often the first to teach everyone the latest dance!

Her perfect evening would be enjoying steamer clams from Kayos and watching her favorite shows, Lawrence Welk, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy. Her beloved dog, Annie, was also at her side when she passed. Dorothy will forever be remembered as a joyful, kind-hearted, gracious and generous lady who always wore a smile. She was loved by all who had the privilege of meeting her, and will be deeply missed. The family appreciates Niswonger-Reynolds care. A celebration of life will be held later this year. Contributions may be made to Partners in Care Hospice of Bend, and/or the Central Oregon Humane Society. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Funeral Home:

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