

# *Dorothy J. McRae*

Dorothy J. McRae of Vancouver, WA, passed peacefully in the early morning hours of April 28, 2013.

Dorothy was born July 8, 1924 in Pipestone, MN, to Harry and Ann Jepsen. As the oldest child, she learned how to do all the farm chores including milking cows, shocking grain and cultivating corn with a four-horse team. She graduated from St. Cloud Teachers College in 1946. In 1948, she married her husband John McRae. They both taught school in Minnesota until he was recruited by Boeing to work in Seattle.

Seattle didn't suit them, so they moved to the Vancouver area where they both began teaching at Ridgefield High School. Dorothy taught at Ridgefield High School and Providence Academy before going to work for the Battle Ground School District in 1965. In 1966, she began teaching 8th grade at Laurin Intermediate School, where she stayed until her retirement in 1983. That wasn't the end of her teaching career though, as she did some private tutoring and volunteered at the school for many years following her retirement.

Dorothy's passions were her family, crossword puzzles, fishing and the Portland Trailblazers. Hard work, frugality and practicality were her defining characteristics. She loved working outdoors on the farm and in the garden. She loved to help family and friends in any way she could. She enjoyed vacations, but was content at home. Being outside and working were the things she missed the most as her health was failing.

Dorothy is survived by her brother, Harry Jepsen (Lavonne), sisters, Delila Davis, Joyce Furuboten (Jim), and Jackie Davis (Gordon), children, Jeff McRae (Bonnie), Stuart McRae and Sharon Lentz (Gary), grandchildren, Jody Johnson, Holly McRae, Sarah Tribe Linnell and Daniel Tribe and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John, brother Bobby Jepsen, sister Betty Erickson, and granddaughters, Erin Tribe Kilborn and Karen McRae.

Friends and family are invited to attend memorial services at Fourth Plain Church of the Nazarene on May 25, 2013 at 10 a.m.

Donations in memory of Dorothy McRae may be made to Hospice Southwest, P.O. Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668.

