



Dorothea Rampton

August 12, 1908 - October 26, 2011

Dorothea “Dora” Katherine Henningsen Rampton, 103, died peacefully on Oct. 26, 2011, at home in Corvallis.

Dora was the daughter of Henning Friedrich Henningsen and Margarethe Christine Lassen. She was born on Aug. 12, 1908, in Payette, Idaho, the fifth of six children.

Dora loved the outdoors — the flowers, the birds, the frogs and other wildlife. She was raised on a farm where she herded cows, fed poultry, gathered eggs, planted and hoed the garden, harvested and helped preserve fruit and vegetables, and shared in the responsibilities of daily living without electricity. This blonde, curly-headed little girl rode old Buck bareback to a one-room school house with 50 students in eight grades. At Payette High School, Dora led the girls’ basketball team and played jumping center. Dora won first prize at the 1920 Idaho State Fair with her 4-H sewing abilities.

She was a good student, and enrolled at Oregon Agricultural College in September 1926. With her sister, Emily, and friends, she rode the train to Corvallis, stopping on the east side of the Willamette River, where the Oregon State University golf course is now. Automobiles picked up the passengers and drove them across the Willamette River bridge.

Dora became a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She graduated from both Oregon Agricultural College and Oregon State College in 1931, when OAC became OSC.

In December 1933, she and Henry Rampton married in the Alpha Chi house

in Corvallis. Corvallis was her primary home from 1926 until her passing. Henry worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's crop research division in cooperation with the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station from 1936 until 1971, when he retired.

Dorothea was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was teacher and president of the Primary Association in Corvallis. She received the Honorary Golden Gleaner award for distinguished and devoted service to the young women of the church. She was a dedicated visiting teacher. She and her husband spent many hours ministering to the needs of others.

Community service was important to Dorothea. She volunteered at the OSU Thrift Shop for 20 years to raise funds for student scholarships. She was an ardent genealogist, and traced most lines of her Danish ancestors to the 1600s.

Missionary work occupied much of Dorothea's time. Her testimony to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was firm and beautiful. With companions, she taught the Gospel to people in the Coast Range, Philomath, Corvallis and Albany. She and her husband served two full-time missions, the first (1972 to 1974) at Carthage Jail in Illinois, and as an agricultural missionary in Oklahoma, where she and Henry taught sustainable living by helping people grow gardens, plant orchards and preserve fruits and vegetables. Dorothea also taught sewing and other homemaking skills.

Henry and Dorothea served the Lord in many ways. They taught classes about family relationships, and younger families came to learn how to live together in love and harmony. In the Seattle and Portland LDS Temples, they served from 1982 to 1990.

Dorothea is greatly loved by each member of her family. She was a gentle, gracious woman who found joy in serving others. She always made sure that everyone in her home was comfortable and well-fed from the beautiful garden she and Henry grew. She expressed herself well by writing beautiful poetry. Although macular degeneration took her eyesight in later years, she delighted

in visits from her children and grandchildren, their spouses, and many friends in Corvallis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Hardy Rampton, who passed away in May of 2004 at the age of 99½; and a daughter, Alice Margaret Rampton, who died in 1956.

She is survived by five children, Jean R. Nelson (Charles) of Corvallis, James Henry Rampton (Jackie Jo) of Platte City, Mo., Wesley Frederick Rampton (Marie) of La Grande, Christine R. Low (John, deceased), and Mark Edmond Rampton (Alice) of Corvallis; 33 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A viewing is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Saturday, Oct. 29, at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Nov. 19 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1205 N.W. Walnut Blvd., Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the OSU Foundation to benefit the Henry H. and Dorothea Rampton Memorial Scholarship Fund for Crop and Soil Science students at OSU.

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“ My family and I would like to give you our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy that God never intended mankind to ever have to deal with—even the Bible says so. But one thing I take comfort from in hard times such as these is Isaiah 25:8, where God promises to do away with death. In hard times that thought can really bring a little light to the darkness. My family has yours in their prayers.

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“ Our deepest sympathies are with you at this time. Dorothea has had a good life and now she can rest from the struggles of this world. I'm sure she and Henry will be great missionaries in the spirit world just as they were here. I have many fond memories of you and your family.

Love,

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