



## Dorothy Elaine O'Brien

August 12, 1933 - January 20, 2016

Dorothy Elaine O'Brien was born in Sherwood to Arthur S. Peterson and Effie (Ramey) Peterson and passed away in her home at age 82. She was known as both "Dorothy" and "Elaine." She was a middle child in a family of seven children.

Elaine grew up attending Cipole Grade School and then Sherwood High School. From there, she went to the Oregon College of Education, now Western Oregon University, in Monmouth, went to summer school in Hawaii, and graduated with a teacher's certificate in 1954.

She was teaching in south Portland when she met Robert O'Brien, and they were married in 1955. They soon moved to south Benton County, first to the Bunker Hill area near Bellfountain and then to Nichols Road near Alpine where she and Robert raised five children, and where she lived 58 years.

Elaine was community minded and was involved in the Benton County Library, the Alpine Garden Club, and education. She was a baker of considerable reputation whose pie crusts lesser mortals considered their benchmarks. Elaine enjoyed working with kids — to whom she will always be Mrs. O — in her various roles in the library and as a teacher's assistant in the school systems of south Benton County until she retired at age 80.

She is survived by five brothers and sisters, her five children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, Robert, passed away in 2011.

Donations may be made in her remembrance to Benton Hospice Service or the Monroe Fire Department. The family has great appreciation for these organizations.

A service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, at Bellfountain Community Church, followed by a gathering across the road at the former Bellfountain School.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (PT)

Bellfountain Community Church  
25387 Dawson Road  
Monroe, OR 97456

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Elaine has been a good friend to me for over 40 years. Her girls babysat my children when they were young. We also spent many hours working on the Alpine Park together. Much of how it looks today is due to her many years of stewardship. My husband and I are thankful that she was part of our lives. I regret that we will not be able to attend the service for her, as we will be out of town.*

*Peggy (Ayres) Weems*

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