



## Dorothy Peterson

March 21, 1926 - April 24, 2014

In Memory of Dorothy Laca Peterson

Surrounded by family, Dorothy Laca Peterson, 88, died peacefully in her sleep in

Corvallis, Oregon on the morning of April 24th. Born to Pete and Madeliene Laca on the

Brown Ranch near Jordon Valley, Oregon on March 21, 1926, Dorothy was the oldest of

six daughters. She attended primary school in Jordan Valley. Throughout her high

school years, she played piano for dances in Jordan Valley and the surrounding

communities. Dorothy graduated from Jordan Valley High School in 1944, valedictorian

of her class. Following graduation she attended secretarial school in Boise, Idaho,

worked in Boise for several years, and taught secretarial classes at the Rubens, Idaho High School.

In 1949, Dorothy married Oscar "Pete" Peterson. The couple lived in southeastern

Oregon for several years before moving to Bonanza, Oregon in 1957. In 1965,

the  
burgeoning Peterson family moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon. Dorothy was an  
active  
church member, serving as organist for both St. Barnabus Episcopal Church  
in Langell  
Valley and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Klamath Falls, and later serving  
as a lay  
reader.

In addition to raising five children, Dorothy worked for Presbyterian  
Intercommunity  
Hospital (later Meryl West Medical Center), initially in admitting and later as a  
secretary  
in the surgical unit. Dorothy was active in the community and enjoyed her  
membership  
in the American Association of Medical Assistants, the American Business  
Women's  
Association, and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

After her children left home, Dorothy began traveling with three of her beloved  
sisters.

The "Sister Trips" were a much anticipated and enjoyed annual event for  
Dorothy, who  
was fun loving and had a great gift for friendship. Dorothy cherished the many  
friends  
she met through her years working at the hospital, her professional  
associations, and later  
through her and her husband's membership in the Klamath Yacht Club.  
Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar "Pete" Peterson and  
by three of her  
sisters: Patricia Danner, Georgian Laca, and Linda Edmondson. She is

survived by her  
five children; Stacia of Walla Walla, WA; Jim (Gloria) of Bellevue, WA; John  
(Kim) of  
Hayward, CA; Bill (Daryl Ann) of Corvallis, OR; Kirt (Terry Glickman) of  
Beaverton,  
OR; by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and by her sisters  
Mary Lou  
Minor of McDermitt, NV and Virginia Haynes of Gillette, WY.

A graveside service will be held at the McDermitt, NV Cemetery on May 3 at  
11 am. A  
memorial service will be held at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Klamath  
Falls, OR, on  
June 21st, at 1 pm. Donations honoring Dorothy's memory may be made to  
Saint Paul's  
Episcopal Church 801 Jefferson St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.