



Dorothy Sperling

April 9, 1922 - September 2, 2011

The long, happy life of Dorothy Sperling came to an end in the early morning of September 2, 2011.

Shortly after she was born in Sweden on April 9, 1922, she came to America with her parents, Marie Swenson Carlson and John Carlson, and her brother John. They joined many Scandinavian immigrants in Brooklyn, NY, where Dorothy met Bert Sperling, whom she married on February 5, 1948. As Bert was in the Navy, he, Dorothy and their family lived in Norway, California and Alaska before settling in Corvallis.

Dorothy was avidly interested in the visual arts, literature, and the theater. She attended Hunter College in Manhattan where she received a degree in English and Journalism and, later, a Master's degree in Communication from OSU. She taught elementary school in Kodiak, Alaska, and, here in Corvallis, she taught for 20 years at Highland View Junior High. After she and Bert retired in 1981, they travelled the world from Borneo to Finland.

She is survived by her husband, their son Bertrand T. Sperling and his wife Gretchen and their sons, Bertrand A. and Theodore H. Sperling, and their daughter Christine M. Sperling and her husband E. Philip Mattox. At Dorothy's request, there will be no service.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ We are so sad to hear about Aunt Dotty. We loved her very much and she will be greatly missed by our family. Our thoughts are with Uncle Bert and our cousins, Christine & Bert & their families. Sending our love, Lisa, Lew, Lukas, Allegra

Lisa Carlson Morrison - March 14, 2012 at 01:28 PM

JS

“ I will always remember Dorothy's wonderful presence at the tennis club. She will be greatly missed by many. She was a great person and tennis partner. Many condolences to her family.

J. Sublett - September 06, 2011 at 10:26 PM

DO

“ Our deepest sympathies for you and your family during this time. Dorothy was an amazing woman, and me two kids still talk about her. If there is anything I can do Bert, please let me know. 541-829-0259

Damon Olsen - September 06, 2011 at 02:10 AM

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“ Truly one of the finest people, teachers, and human beings I ever had the opportunity to know, learn from, and be a part of something special in her class. My sincerest sympathies on her passing. She was a very special, one of a kind individual.

Tom Tracewell - September 05, 2011 at 12:23 PM

DL

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Dorothy's passing. She was a kind, caring, woman who would stop at my house each day to pet my cats who waited for her every evening. I will miss her as will my cats. Please accept my sympathy.

Diane Gange Landers - September 04, 2011 at 01:15 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear that I won't be seeing Dorothy's smiling face at Timberhill Athletic Club anymore. She was such a joy to be around and a true inspiration for so many people. She will be greatly missed. All my best to her family and friends.

Cindy Killip - September 04, 2011 at 03:14 AM