



Gertrude Sorlien

December 9, 1907 - October 2, 2009

Gertrude Sorlien, born in Kentucky in 1907, died peacefully Friday October 2, 2009. She married Ray Dealy in 1928. While raising 3 boys, she began her ministry career in 1943 at the Allen Methodist Church in Washington state. She studied at Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology graduating in 1955. As the second ordained female minister in the northwest, Gertrude served parishes in Mabton, WA., St. Helens, Gardner, Yoncalla, Joseph and Wallowa, Oregon. Retiring in 1975. She wrote poems articles and a book, *Monkey on a Bellrope*.

Gertrude is survived by 4 siblings; Jim Caudill, Walter Caudill, Dessie Kennington, and Ester Smith; 3 sons, Paul Dealy, Ross Dealy and Glen Dealy, 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

A memorial service and reception will be held at McHenry Funeral Home, in Corvallis at 2pm Saturday, October 10th. A burial service will be held in Bow, WA. at 11am on Monday, October 12th, followed by a reception at the Allen Methodist Church, 16775 Allen West Rd., Bow, WA.

Donations can be made to Talking Books and Braille Services and the Leukemia Foundation c/o McHenry Funeral Home, Corvallis.