



Helen D. Dooley

December 23, 1919 - June 9, 2017

Helen Dooley died in the early hours on Friday, June 9, 2017 after a brief illness. She was a warm and loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who will be missed every day. Her life was full of blessings and sorrows that shaped her into the woman that brought joy and delight to others for 97 years.

Helen Gordon Dodds was born in Lawrence, Kansas to Caryl J Dodds and Annabelle Crawford Dodds. The blue-eyed tow head soon welcomed a baby brother, Jack. Her mother died when she was five years old. She lived with her Paternal Grandmother and Aunt Mollie.

Helen graduated from Lawrence High School in 1937 and went to Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri for two years. After receiving her A.A. degree, she completed her B.S. degree at Kansas State University in Home Economics. She married Donald Edwin Dooley on August 29, 1941.

Helen gave birth to four children: John, Mary, Ann and Margaret. Helen and Don lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin until WWII began. In 1949, Donald was hired by Weyerhaeuser Timber Company as their first Internal Auditor. They moved to Tacoma, Washington and built a home on property by Steilacoom Lake.

Helen led the organization of Chapter DV, PEO, in Lakewood in 1950. She

was very involved in raising money for scholarships and loans for women as well as developing lifelong bonds with her Sisters in DV. Helen and Donald volunteered for many committees and leadership roles in the Little Church on the Prairie in Lakewood, Washington. The family camped and traveled around the western United States. In 1974, Donald accepted a position with two Weyerhaeuser-owned companies in Jakarta, Indonesia. Helen loved her two years in Indonesia and fully embraced the life of an ex-pat. Helen and Donald traveled extensively throughout their retirement.

Upon their return from Indonesia, Helen was elected to the Washington State Chapter of PEO. She worked hard on the Board for seven years and finished as President in 1984.

Helen loved being a grandmother and great-grandmother to 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Helen resided in Corvallis, Oregon with her daughter Meg for the last nine years. She and Meg traveled and cruised to a multitude of foreign countries

Helen was preceded in death by her father, mother, stepmother, her brother Caryl John (Jack) Dodds, her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Schmalz, and her husband of 59 years, Donald E Dooley

Helen is survived by her children: John E Dooley (Laurie), Mary D Larsen (Lowell) and Margaret C Dooley. In addition, her loss will be felt by her son-in-law Richard F Schmalz and her former daughter-in-law Susan G Dooley. Donations in her memory may be made to PEO or to Stephens College.

Services for Helen will be held at Mountain View Cemetery (4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA) on Saturday, June 24, at 3:00 pm.

Helen is gone but not forgotten for she has left her imprint on the hearts of all who knew her and her hand to all the good works she completed.

A Celebration of Life will be held to honor her in the Aspen Chapel at

Mountain View Memorial Park, 4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW Lakewood, WA, on Saturday, June 24 at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Willow Hall.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **24.** 3:00 PM (PT)

Mountain View Funeral Home and Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW
Lakeview, WA 98499

Tribute Wall

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“ *I will miss her sweet smile and caring way. She was a wonderful part of my life the last few years.* ”

Mark Lynch - June 16, 2017 at 12:27 AM