



Martha Booster

February 3, 1929 - September 3, 2009

Martha DuRette Booster passed away on September 3, 2009 after having battled cancer for several years. She went peacefully while at home, surrounded by the family she had created and nurtured for so many years. Martha was born in Salem, Oregon on February 3, 1929. She was the youngest of six siblings and grew up in the farming community around Gervais, Oregon. Martha graduated from Willamette University and embarked on a teaching career that would span almost three decades. Martha married Dean Booster on August 14, 1950 and moved with him to Corvallis, Oregon. There she taught in several elementary schools including Inavale and Garfield Elementary School. When her first son was born Martha took a break from teaching as she and Dean began to raise a family that eventually grew to include five boys. This family was always the most important thing to her and she selflessly gave of herself in support of her sons and husband throughout her life. She served as a Den Mother in the Cub Scout program and worked in the Boy Scout program as well, receiving the District Award of Merit. Martha was a long-standing member of the First Methodist Church in Corvallis and in the later years was particularly active in the group, "Ladies of the Basement," that makes quilts for troubled children. Martha also volunteered at the Vina Moses Center for many years transporting and sorting books that were donated to the Center.

Martha is survived by her five sons, Howard, Tom, Richard, Doug, and Ken; eleven grandchildren and one great-grand daughter.