

In Memory of...

Dorothy Webb Davis



Longtime Clatskanie resident Dorothy Catherine (Webb) Davis, 99, passed away December 15, 2018, at The Amber Assisted Living in Clatskanie.

She was born on August 8, 1919, in Astoria, OR, to Alfred Herbert Webb and Selma Marie Elizabeth (Newberg) Webb, Canadian and Swedish immigrants. Following her birth the family moved to the Vernonia area, where her father worked as a blacksmith in the logging industry. Dorothy was raised in a small home in the Treharne community, at the intersection of Hwy 47 and Timber Road. After seven years at the Pleasant Hill grade school she went on to Vernonia High School, graduating from there in 1936. After attending one year of Business College she worked for Dr. Eby in Vernonia. While with Dr. Eby she often acted as midwife for many home deliveries. She took joy years later in making contact with some of these same "kids" at various Vernonia

get-togethers. While in the employ of Dr. Eby, Dorothy went on to learn the art of flying an airplane, as the doctor liked to close his practice on Wednesday and go flying. At the doctor's urging she went along. She had soloed just prior to the break out of World War II, and that ended her flying, just short of a pilot's license. This was always a strange thing, as she never wanted to drive a car.

On September 7, 1941 she was united in marriage to Harold A. Davis, whom she met in high school, at her parents' home in Glenwood, OR. Shortly after marriage Harold went off to the war and Dorothy remained in Vernonia working in the doctor's office. When Harold returned from duty he was stationed in Florida and she went with him to that duty station. Following Harold's service they moved to Clatskanie, shortly settling on the old Potter place up on Haven Acres, just days prior to the birth of their first son William in July of 1946. A second son was born in November of 1948, and together they raised their sons, ran a mink ranch, gardened, and lived out their lives at this place. A little over four years ago, at the insistence of her two sons (a lot of insistence) she moved in with her youngest son Bob, and his wife Bonnie. Thirteen months ago she moved to The Amber Assisted Living after a fall.

Dorothy was raised during the Great Depression, and it had a

strong impact on her attitudes towards life and finances. During his career, her father worked as a blacksmith and always had a job, and believed in giving help to the neighbors during the hard times the Depression brought, as not all members of the community had a steady job. She was active in the local Cub Scout program with her sons, successfully encouraging her oldest to become an Eagle Scout. She was a member of the garden club, helped with local voting precincts prior to vote by mail, and was a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Harold in 2006; a brother Albert, and a sister Myrtle. She is survived by two sons, Bill (Sarah) of Oak Ridge, TN, and Bob (Bonnie) Davis of Clatskanie; three grandchildren, Darla (Mike) Barkley of Puyallup, WA, Sharon (Duane) Stout of Knoxville, TN, Beth Davis of Knoxville, TN; four great grandchildren, Miranda Barkley of Puyallup, WA, Collin Barkley and Rebekah Barkley both of Puyallup and Corvallis, OR, and Shayna Stout of Knoxville, TN.

A memorial service for Dorothy is scheduled for Friday, January 4, 2019 at the Clatskanie Presbyterian Church, at 2:00 pm with a reception following in the fellowship room. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Church, or the Clatskanie Library District would be appreciated.



Community/ Superintendent Chats - Wednesdays

Vernonia School District Superintendent Aaron Miller will be holding several Community-Superintendent Chats throughout the 2018-19 school year. These informal meetings are meant to provide another avenue for parents and other community members to hear about some of the great things that are happening in our schools, and to ask questions regarding any aspects of education here in Vernonia, the State of Oregon, and the nation.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 30, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Vernonia Schools Commons.

The rest of the year's schedule is listed below. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, Superintendent Miller is available to answer questions or address concerns by appointment at the District Office: (503) 429-5891.

February 27	La Cabaña Restaurant	Noon-1 pm
March 20	Mariolino's	7-8 am
April 24	Vernonia Schools	6-7 pm
May 29	Blue House Café	Noon-1 pm

Vernonia School Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The next School Board Meeting is scheduled for January 10 at 6:00 pm in the Schools Library.

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