

# Kathryn Ann Kaser Dodge 1937-2011

## OBITUARY

Kathryn Ann Kaser Dodge, 74, died peacefully on November 15, 2011. She was born, raised, and lived her entire life in Portland, Oregon. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends in the community.

Kay was educated at Beaumont Elementary School and she graduated from Grant High School. She attended Oregon State University and received a bachelor's degree in Home Economics.

Kay received her teacher certification from Lewis and Clark College. She was also an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and Delta Kappa Gamma Educators Society.

Since retiring from teaching in the Portland Public School District, Kay was an active community patron.

She was a member of Portland Art Museum Asian Art Council, the Literary Arts and Lecture series, Portland Symphony, Portland Opera, Portland Contemporary Arts Guild, Mazamas, Friends of the Columbia River Gorge, Friends of Timberline Lodge and many other civic organizations.

Kay graciously supported the many school activities of her great nephews and nieces. She never said no to fundraising activities, and she frequently attended their school performances, sports tournaments, science fairs and band concerts.

Kay was a wonderful friend to many in Portland, joining them

for classes, events, or going out to lunch. Kay enjoyed her folk dancing lessons, bible study and book group, alumnae societies and Balalaika music lessons.

She is survived by her husband, Nick Dodge; her sister, Carolyn Kaser Fairman; and her cousin, Dolores Harris. Kay will be greatly missed by her six nieces and nephews, and her nine great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, December 3 at 1 pm at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be given to the Friends of the Columbia River Gorge and the Friends of Timberline Lodge.

*Editor's Note: According to her niece Kay loved shopping and dining in Multnomah Village.*



## Riversgate Church purchases building in the Village

Riversgate Church has purchased the property at 7634 SW Capitol Hwy. in Multnomah Village.

The congregation currently rents the Multnomah Center on Sundays, and houses their office at 3612 SW Troy St. They have been meeting in Multnomah since 2002.

Riversgate's involvement in the Multnomah community has included free summer basketball camps, free meals, a transitional home for men, midweek youth meetings, as well as outreaches to the homeless in downtown Portland. The church also supports mission efforts in Chile, Uganda, and Mexico.

Formerly a carpentry shop, the building on Capitol Highway will allow Riversgate to further establish itself in this community and provide opportunities for expanded ministries and community outreach.

The remodel plan after structural upgrades is for a large meeting area along with children's classrooms, offices and a kitchen.

The building front will blend with neighboring structures and will en-



(photo courtesy Carol Reid, Riversgate Church)

hance that section of Capitol Highway. The completion date is tentatively scheduled for October 2012.

Pastor Rob Anthony says, "Riversgate is what I think of as a 'community church.' I see the people I worship with on Sunday walking through the village during the week, or eating at Fat City. Our kids see each other not just on Sunday but at school all week too."

"So it's really true when we say as a church we care about this community because so many of us live here and are a part of it."

"That's a big reason why we are so happy to have the opportunity to put down deeper roots right in the heart of the village and in the process redeem an old building that has been here since 1928."

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