



Doratheia Haberman

January 8, 1924 - October 15, 2011

Dorothea was born in Sioux City, Iowa January 8, 1924. Her father's name was Jim Holt and her Mother's name was Ethel Sites. Dorothea had 2 sisters-- Lois Sites was the oldest and June Sites was the youngest. Dorothea was adopted at birth to John and Catherine Vick.

Dorothea was an artistically gifted child, and even received awards for her abilities while in school.

When she was 16 years old, she met her future husband (Edward "Ed"); Ed was 19 at the time. They were introduced through mutual friend and they went on a "Blind Date" together in Lincoln, Nebraska. That first date was October 12, 1940 (Columbus Day). They dated for 2 years, and then on August 2, 1942 Ed joined the Marines. When Ed came home on furlough, they got married; it was December 10, 1944. The two of them moved to San Diego where Dorothea found a job working on planes while Ed was deployed overseas.

Once Ed was discharged from the military, the two of them returned to Nebraska to start a family. They had three children, a son, Jim and two daughters Judy and Cathy. Dorothea worked outside the home for a few years, before deciding to start a daycare and cake decorating business that she could run from their home. In 1957 the family moved to Claremont California to get away from the bitter cold winters. Dorothea enjoyed making

special things on holidays for elderly people in rest homes and her neighbors. She loved to fix big dinners for large crowds of people at church and at home for her family during the holidays.

Dorothea first became a grandmother in 1968, and now has two grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Ed and Dorothea both loved camping, fishing and the outdoors and being close to God and nature. She also loved animals, they had a number of different kinds of dogs, cats and birds to take care of and play with. The two of them were members of the 1st Baptist church in Upland, where Dorothea was baptized December 29, 1985. In 1994 they renewed their wedding vows with a full wedding ceremony for their 50th anniversary. Their children surprised them with a cruise to Alaska for their honeymoon.

In February 1998 Dorothea was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. That hit the family hard, especially her husband, but we all learned how to deal with it. As the years passed, the health of both Ed and Dorothea was beginning to decline; their children would all do what they could assist with their care, to keep them in their home as long as possible. When the time came to move them to a facility that could provide 24hr care, their youngest daughter Cathy made sure that they were well taken care of. Ed died February 5, 2011, it was a blessing that because of her Alzheimer's, Dorothea was not always aware that he had passed. Eight months after her husband took his last breath, she took hers. Everyone is rejoicing that she is no longer suffering.

She is going to be missed by many friends, loved ones and family members. We are all thankful to have these two loving and extraordinary people in our lives as long as we did.

Tribute Wall



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