



Obituary

Born: Tuesday, June 26, 1928

Died: Monday, October 12, 2015

Dorothy Louise (Dooley) Thompson

Pendleton

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Dorothy Louise (Dooley) Thompson, 87, of Pendleton, died Monday, October 12, 2015, at Suttle Care surrounded by family and friends. She will be in our hearts forever. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 24th at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Matt Henry officiating. A reception will follow at the Free Methodist Church.

Service Summary

Services are to be announced

Location: - *Not available* -

Dorothy Louise (Dooley) Thompson was born June 26, 1928, in Newton, Iowa, to Mable (Rankin) Dooley and Charles Dooley, one of nine children. During her high school years, the family moved to Portland, Oregon, where she graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1945. She moved to Pendleton, Oregon, and began her nursing studies at Eastern Oregon State College before completing her R.N. degree at St. Anthony's Hospital, graduating in its first class in 1948. During this time, she met Bernard F. Thompson and married him just after graduation on April 2, 1948. They celebrated 62 years of marriage before his passing on August 20th, 2011.

Dorothy started her career as a surgical nurse at St. Anthony's Hospital before joining the office of the Pendleton Internal Medicine Group. She retired from active daily duties at that office in 1983 but continued to work part-time until 1993. She also belonged to the Nursing Cadet Corp from 1945-1947 and was the nurse at Camp Hidaway, the Camp Fire Girls' summer camp.

In her spare time, Dorothy was active in the Oregon Nurses' Association District #7, vice-president of St. Anthony's Hospital Alumni Association and Scholarship Foundation, participated in the Senior Center blood pressure clinics, Red Cross blood drives (for which she received many honors), Oregon Trail Telephone Pioneers, S.M.A.R.T. Reader programs, Camp Fire Girls' leadership programs, and was a forever presence at her children's activities. Dorothy will also be remembered for her time and leadership given to the First United Methodist Church. She was a long-time member of the church, sang alto in the choir, taught Sunday School and Summer Vacation Bible School, belonged to the United Methodist Women, oversaw the Memorial Fund, helped with the visiting foreign exchange students at

Round-Up and prepared many a Lenten Luncheon. Her love and kindness will be remembered and missed.

In her free time, Dorothy enjoyed music (she was a season ticket holder to the symphony), sewing, gardening, reading, traveling and baking. Many a potluck will be shedding a tear.

Dorothy Thompson is survived by children Louise Thompson of Pendleton, Mike and Jan Thompson of

Pendleton (Joshua, Alison, Jacob), and Jerry and Karen Thompson (David) of Gresham. She is also survived by brothers Kenneth and Ann Dooley of Surprise, Ariz., and Leonard and Pat Dooley of Woodburn, Ore., as well as numerous nephews and nieces and wonderful friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard (Bud) Thompson, her parents, and six brothers and sisters.

Remembrances may be made to the United Methodist Memorial Fund, 352 S.E. 2nd Street, Pendleton, OR 97801 or a charity of one's choice.

Burns Mortuary is in charge of funeral arrangements, and final interment will be in the Memorial Garden at Olney Cemetery. Condolences may be left at burnsmortuary.com.

The family would like to express a deep gratitude to the many caregivers at Suttle Care for their years of excellent care and concern for both our mother and father. Their kindness and dedication were steadfast.