

Obituaries

Dorothy Marie Bryson

Our precious Dorothy Marie Bryson (nee Stephens) went home to her Heavenly Father surrounded by family Wednesday,



June 24, 2009. She will be remembered by all who knew her as an incredibly witty and giving person. Ever the practical woman, Dorothy insisted her obituary be short. We will honor her wishes, but can attest at length to her amazing spirit.

Dorothy was born to Otis and Ethel Stephens on July 21, 1917, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Dorothy was one of nine children. She was 18 months old when her family moved to Eden, Idaho. She attended school in Eden and graduated from Eden High School in 1935. On Dec. 21, 1935, she married Earl Bryson. They had two daughters, Alice Louise and Wanda Jean. The Bryson family lived in many places while Earl taught school, but settled in Twin Falls when he became a firefighter. They were married for 57 years. Dorothy worked for a time at the Princess Vogue dress store and managed the lunch counter at Crowley's drug store.

Dorothy served as a member and one time chairperson of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers' Association, as well as a member of the Twin Falls' Firemen Women's

Auxiliary. She played piano in a country-western band and entertained many audiences across the Magic Valley.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Bryson; daughter, Alice McClain; her parents; two brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Wanda Montgomery of Boise; her brothers, Carl and Delmar Stephens; and her sister Violet Webb. She leaves behind her grandchildren, Richard McClain, Pauline Schiewe, Jonita (Gene) Schofield, Kevin (Joy) McClain, Steve (Kara) Casteel and Christine (Carmine) Fenicottero. Her greatest legacies are her 16 great-grandchildren whom she delighted in.

A service was held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Burial followed at the Hazelton Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. Moorehouse and Dr. Fortuin, for their expert care. We would also like to thank Intermountain Orthopaedics, Aspen Rehabilitation, St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center (telemetry and emergency services), and Hearts for Hospice for their generous and loving treatment of Dorothy and our family. Donations can be made to a charity of choice in Dorothy's name.

District 12

Fiddlers entertain at Salmon River Days

June went by in a hurry, didn't it? And I missed most of it, but now it is time to get back to the business of music.

June was a rather slow month in this district. On June 11 we played outside for the Imperial Apartment's appreciation pizza party from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. We had a good turnout of musicians and the weather was great, but the mosquitos got too friendly as sundown approached. This was our only extra play in June.

Unfortunately, I was unable to go to Weiser this year. I know that Tom and Katie were there

and I am unsure if there were any others from our district. I was spending time with the doctor's in Salt Lake so I know they were having a better time than I was. It is always fun in Weiser.

In July we are having a float in the Salmon Rivers Days parade on June 3. And maybe play at a wedding on June 12. That one isn't set in stone as yet.

We have missed Tom and Katie as they spent time in Hawaii helping their oldest son landscape his place and more time in Southern Idaho building Ted's house.

I heard today that we will be having all of our Thursday evening jam sessions at the Imperial Apartments Rec Hall for the month of July. I am looking forward to it.

Rosalie Hawley

District 9

Looking forward to fair time in Latah County

June seems to have flown by so fast that I can't think of a lot to write about. We have been able to make all of our play dates with a limited group of musicians. Many of our members have been off to visit family and other summer time events.

We had several attend the Idaho State Square and Round Dance festival in Orofino so that cut into our player roster.

Herb Jeffers has returned from a working trip to Kansas where he and his brother put the spring crop in on their farm.

On the 2nd we played Bishop Place in Pullman with Dave, Tom, Willard, Marge, Debbie, Gary and we were joined by a guest, Lori Garaher, and her beautiful voice.

The 8th we played our three stops in one day starting in Pullman and then over to Moscow were Mabel Vogt joined us at Gritman Adult care center.

It won't be long until the Latah County fair. This is always a fun event and hopefully we will have all of our members available to make a good showing.

Gary Bloomfield



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