



Dorothy M. Braunwart

December 15, 1921 - September 18, 2012

Dorothy Braunwart passed away on September 18, 2012 at the age of 90, of natural causes, in Othello Washington. She was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio, on December 15, 1921, the second of four children born to Herman & Elsie Vauble. Dorothy married Robert Braunwart on May 31, 1944. They moved to Washington State in 1947 ending up in Moses Lake in 1952 and lived there until 2006. She moved to Othello to stay with her son Kurt and family in 2006 where she lived until her passing. Dorothy was a founding member of the Columbia Basin Community Concert Association. She wrote the weekly newspaper column, "Just Everyday" about her four sons growing up in Moses Lake for the Columbia Basin Herald from 1954 through 1971. She also was the regional correspondent for the Spokane Chronicle, a published poet and an artist. She was involved in PTA, served as a board member on the Moses Lake Conservation District, was a member of the Friends of the Library, a benefactor and volunteer for the Moses Lake Museum of Art and Culture, and a long time parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Moses Lake.

In 1952 Bob and Dorothy built their house on the lake in Cascade Heights. This family home and the lake shaped Dorothy's love of nature and art, inspired her poetry, and were integral parts of raising her family. Dorothy had a flair for the descriptive and was able to paint a vivid picture with a few well chosen words. She wrote of the sunsets, her love for her husband, the antics of her children, and how she nurtured and guided them through each day. She

had a special gift that encouraged and inspired others to appreciate the experiences she had penned. She had a very personal, quiet side that pondered philosophy, studied Napoleon, the paintings of Degas, or what it meant to just watch her sons sail on the lake. She was able to bring art, nature and her family together in a way that brought a truly new philosophy to the high desert she grew to love, and call home. These caring thoughts that she shared with many people in the community are what we will truly remember her for.

Dorothy is survived by three of her sons, Kurt, Eric and Tod; ten grandchildren, Lance, Janelle, Emily, Monica, Rachel, Staci, Trevor, Alixandra, Natasha and Eric Christian; six great-grandchildren, Alera, Andrew, Aiden, Antonio, Joaquin and Angelina. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob, her son Robert, and grandson Kevin.

A rosary will be said in her memory Sunday evening September 22nd at 7:30 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Othello. Mass of Christian Burial will be held in Moses Lake on Monday, September 24th, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N. Dale Road, followed by interment at Pioneer Memorial Garden. A reception will follow at the Moses Lake Church. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Service

SEP **24.** 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)
200 N. Dale Rd
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Dears Eric and Kurt and Todd... It has been a few months since I have checked the "kayser's" site. So i am just getting around to offer my condolences. I am sorry for the passing of your sweet mother. She, as well as your entire family,has been such a positive and inspiring influence on our community. The several times I was in your home were so interesting with good conversation and, of course, some nutritious goodies to keep the hunger dogs at bay. After all.. she was raising four boys just like my mom was doing at the same time... on the other side of the lake. Your friend and brother.. David Oman (Utah)##imported-begin##David and Alice Oman##imported-end##

December 04, 2012 at 02:20 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Dorothy and Mom were such good friends. I wanted you to know she will be missed.

Valley Friends

Jodi Horn and Shirley Woodworth##imported-begin##Shirley & Jody Horn##imported-end##

November 21, 2012 at 12:46 PM



“ *Der Kurt and wife:*

I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. Please excuse me because I forgot your wife's name.

It's been a long time! I am now writing a book for the Moses Lake Conservation District on their history from 1945 up until now. It's a presentation book to give to past, present conservation workers.

I was at the ML Farmer's Market Saturday and Mark Amara told me about your Mom. He also told me that your mother had been part of the MLCD. I was hoping that you could find some pictures during your Mom's time there.

Just let me know.

Thank you.

Judy

May God bless you.

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(509) 750-9624###imported-begin###Judy Spalding###imported-end##

September 26, 2012 at 04:55 PM



“ *Kurt, I just talked to my dad and he told me about your mom's passing. I just wanted to send my heartfelt sympathy. My parents so enjoyed their association with your mom (they always called her Mrs. Braunwart) and being neighbors. I know through them that she depended on you these past years and hope you find peace in your great service to her. (Hope you and your family are doing great. How did WE end up getting this age?)###imported-begin###Marilyn Darley Williams###imported-end##*

September 22, 2012 at 09:39 PM



“ Mike and I are both so sorry to have learned that Dorothy passed away. We feel fortunate to have known her, and send our condolences to your family.##imported-begin##Kathy Hymes##imported-end##

September 22, 2012 at 05:36 PM



“ My deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Pamela Washburn Tea##imported-end##

September 20, 2012 at 03:29 PM



“ Your mother was truly a wonderful lady and I always enjoyed visiting with her. Edith Dirk##imported-begin##Edith Dirk##imported-end##

September 20, 2012 at 02:00 PM



“ Tod, Kurt & Eric,

I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Abe Shelby##imported-end##

September 18, 2012 at 08:47 PM