



## Dorothy Wilken

October 9, 1914 - March 10, 2014

Bellingham

Dorothy Wilken, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, went home to be with the Lord and Savior on Monday, March 10, 2014 at the age of 99. Dorothy was born on October 9, 1914 in Adams, Nebraska to William and Mary Schmidt. Dorothy taught school in a one room school house in rural Nebraska for 7 years before marrying the love of her life, John, on September 28, 1940. They moved to Whatcom County in 1941 where they had two daughters, Mary and Bonnie, who were her pride and joy.

Dorothy retired from the Bon Marche where she worked for twenty one years. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church for 73 years. Her hobbies included crocheting, baking, reading the bible, traveling, and playing bingo. She cherished family gatherings and loved visiting with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dorothy was a loving and caring person who will be missed deeply by her family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John, brothers, Walter and Kenneth Schmidt, and sister, Adelaide Solomon. Dorothy is survived by daughters, Mary (Bill) Krey, and Bonnie (Jack) LaFave; grandchildren Tami (Rob) King, Kim (Hank) Krey, Kevin (Corri) Hall, Travis (Stefanie)LaFave; great

grandchildren Josh and Ashley King, Chase and Madison Muder, Carson Peters, Brandon and Shelby Hall, and Kellan and Aliyah LaFave.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

Graveside services will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 2:00pm at Greenacres Memorial Park with Pastor Susan Hookham officiating. Donations Information

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Highland Care Center, 2400 Samish Way, Bellingham, WA 98229.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to Dorothy’s family and friends. Being a Bible reader no doubt Dorothy found the promise at Revelation 21:4 to be a comfort and hope for the future. Hopefully those she left behind can find some comfort in that promise also. It says “He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. I am truly sorry for your loss.

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**Babe Quintrall** - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bonnie, so sorry for your loss. We are thinking about you.

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**Katie Salhus** - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mary, Bonnie and all the family, Our sincere condolences to all upon the death of Dorothy, my dear cousin. I will always cherish the memories of the times that we shared and the letters we exchanged. She was so special to my parents and me over the years. She was always cheerful, generous and caring—a wonderful Christian lady. What a great legacy. I am richer for having known her all of my life. Lucille

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**Lucille & Marvin Stone** - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM