



Dorothy J Davis

December 1, 1933 - May 26, 2021

On December 1, 1933, Dorothy came to live with her parents, Elmer E. and Anice A. Berndt in Glendale, CA. Her father managed a small Safeway store in Newhall, CA. Her mother called her by her love name, "Bonnie Jeanne".

She had a pet mallard duck, named "Dinky", which had bonded with her, and followed her everywhere. She and her brother Richard, known as "Ric", grew up in Santa Ana, where Elmer managed a large Safeway store in the southern part of the city. Dorothy graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1951.

Dorothy chose her life's occupation at the age of 13, and never wavered in her commitment to preach Christ to those who had never heard of the saving Grace of Christ. At the age of 15, she entered her "Daddy's Favorite" cookie recipe in a competition and won the five dollar award and bragging rights.

To prepare for her chosen profession, she entered Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, OR and received the certificate of Biblical knowledge on completion of the three year course. It was at Multnomah that she met her future husband, John, and became engaged in February, 1953. The following year, she completed the intensive one year program of Missionary Medical at BIOLA's downtown LA campus.

She and her fiancé, John were accepted as missionary candidates by the China Inland Mission in 1956, arriving in Laos in September of 1957. After passing the tests for proficiency in the Lao language, Dorothy and John were married in Savannakhet, Laos on May 13, 1959. Their first son, Brian Mark, was born while on furlough in Anaheim, CA on May 30, 1961, and Randall John was born in Thailand in a small mission hospital on October 6, 1963.

Leaving Laos in December, 1970 to investigate Dorothy's health, she was astonished to discover she was pregnant. Sharon Joy arrived in Paradise, CA on May 20, 1971.

Considering the fragile and unsettled political situation in Laos at the time, it was deemed unwise to return with an infant daughter to a war zone in crescendo.

Dorothy and John opened their home to international students in Denver, CO area and had a thriving ministry for the next 40 years. Dorothy's declining health necessitated moving to Oregon in 2010, to get out of the high-altitude and cold of Colorado.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Ric. She is survived by

her husband John, and three children; Brian, Randy, and Shari, and nine grandchildren; Jessica, Jocelyn, Janae, Aleah, Keely, Sierra, Ethan, Emi, and Erik.