

## Obituary

### Dorothy C. Allison, 86

Dorothy C. Allison, 86, of Blackfoot, passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at the Renaissance Assisted Living surrounded by her family.

She was born August 6, 1924 in Graceville, Alabama to Clifton and Laura Ellis. She had two sisters.



Dorothy's life was filled with music as she was a very accomplished and gifted pianist. Although she could not read music, and had no formal music education, she was given her own radio show at the age of 16, quite the big deal in the age of radio. She also performed with several trios and different orchestras in and around the Southeastern United States. Her favorite music to perform was of the 40's, 50's and 60's. She could play just about anything that was requested, if she had heard it before. The catalogue of music that she kept in memory was staggering. She could listen to a piece of music and reproduce it with her own style and inflection, a truly gifted musician.

Music was her career of choice until she gave up the spotlight to marry Lieutenant Commander, Irl J. Allison, United States Navy. They were married 49 years. She raised 4 children, James (Carol) Allison of Chubbuck, Idaho, Sandra (Doug) Winterbourne of Blackfoot, Idaho, Susan (Peter) Golinveaux of Blackfoot, Idaho and John (Susan) Allison of Columbia, South Carolina.

Being a Naval Officer's wife, meant she would have to do a lot of entertaining. Dorothy was as adept at cooking as she was with a piano and enjoyed throwing large dinner parties with lots of variety. She was an advocate of broadening your tastes by trying different foods from other cultures. There was always music and wonderful food in the house.

After retirement, they moved the family to a vineyard and fruit ranch in California. Dorothy had a good time with her large vegetable garden and numerous Japanese rock gardens. She definitely had a green thumb. She was creative and as an artist, it showed in everything she touched. She was a stay at home Mom and was always there when we came home from school, always with a smile and busy! She was the Kool-aid Mom, and everyone was always welcomed.

At Dorothy's urging, her husband accepted an assignment from the Navy to create a Naval Science and NJROTC program in Pocatello, Idaho. This was a dramatic change for her as she had grown up in the warmer climes of the Gulf coast region and in California. She loved looking at the snow, but she missed "trees and green growing things" and most of all, the ocean.

Dorothy is survived by her children, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. At Dorothy's request cremation services took place and there will be no formal service. The family will have a small memorial at a later date.

Dorothy always had a favorite saying, "Merry Christmas and have a Happy Easter egg"! She will be missed. Love and stuff Mom.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hawker Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at: [condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).