

In Loving Memory

of

Doris K. Spencer

Heaven

By Thais Edmonds
Cousin

A holy land
of crystal rivers,
+he air with honey
sweet,

with summer sky
and flowers eternal --
where God and loved ones
meet.



Born

March 10, 1917
Vancouver, Canada

Entered Into Rest
November 12, 1998
Yountville, California

Memorial Service

November 21, 1998
1:30 pm

Signs Memorial SDA Church
Yountville, California

*Anyone who would like to honor Doris' memory in
a tangible way may send their gifts to the*

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The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters:

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

∞ Psalm 23

Organ Prelude	DiAnn Randleman	Friend
Trumpet Solo "Clair De Lune/ Jesus Loves Me"	Roger Abrew, DDS Trumpet Arlene Taylor-Cherney Piano	Long time friend
Scripture-23rd Psalm Prayer	Reese Jenkins	Pastor Cousin
Life Sketch	Mary Jean Coeur-Barron	Cousin
Homily	Reese Jenkins	Pastor Cousin
Trumpet Solo "Lord's Prayer"	Roger Abrew, DDS Trumpet Arlene Taylor-Cherney Piano	Long time friend
Benediction	Captain Fred Spruell USN (Ret.)	Long time friend

Final Resting Place:
Santa Rosa Memorial Park, Santa Rosa, CA

I would like to thank each of you for attending my mother's memorial. Your prayers and support have been very much appreciated.

Gary C. Spencer, Son

EULOGY OF DORIS KATHLEEN BARRETT SPENCER

Doris Kathleen Barrett was born on March 10, 1917, in Vancouver, Canada, to John Charles Barrett and Kathleen Hamilton Courbarron-Barrett. She was their second child following a brother who predeceased her, Charles Forest Barrett. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Since Doris was proud of her lineage, but not one to share her private life, her son thought it would be interesting to hear of whence she came.

Her father came from Nova Scotia where his father and grandfather worked as sea captains from Arichat (sp.), Cape Breton Island near Nova Scotia. This was a staunch Roman Catholic family, with the two grandfathers being buried in the front yard of the church. Her father, one of eight children, moved to Washington state and was converted to Seventh-day Adventism. He constantly sent tracts to Nova Scotia relatives which were subsequently burned. One by one they came to visit to straighten him out. Each one was converted to Adventism - one becoming a conference president.

Her mother was born in Saskatchewan, Canada, whose great-great-grandfather was John Hamilton, DL, of Donegal, Ireland, an Irish landlord whose nephew was the Duke of Wellington and a descendent of King Edward I.

Doris graduated from Auburn Academy in Washington in 1936. She held a class office in her senior year, Sergeant of Arms. She continued her education at a Business College in Long Beach, CA. She married Lee A. Spencer in the summer of 1939 and to this union was born their only child, Gary Charles Spencer.

Her sister-in-law, Ruth Barrett, worked for a company called UARCO. She urged her to apply. Doris's niece told me that the company was very impressed with her qualifications and interview and hired her, a relationship which lasted 25 years until the company relocated to Oregon state. One of her co-workers told Gary that Doris was one person who lived her religion. She further commented, 'She fulfilled the mission she was given'. Following UARCO she worked in purchasing for 10 years for the Alameda School District.

According to Van Buren, 'What we do during our working hours determines what we have; what we do in our leisure hours determines who we are.' She was active in her church, helping the elderly or the sick; participated in the Dorcas Society of her church, served on the Social Committee and the Church Board. She once spoke to a man from the Russian Ukraine and he told how desperate they were for shoes for the poor. She began collecting shoes from friends and relatives and spoke to the owner of a shoe store in Alameda. He began giving her many of the unsold shoes.

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She packed many boxes of these shoes to be sent to Russia.

Walking was a great hobby of hers. She walked the Bay to Breakers race many times, the last at age 81, in May of 1998. This became a walk of 9 miles from the bus and return. She came in 37,530th out of 75,000 - right in the middle! She also loved to do Crafts. She covered notebooks, padding them, adding lace, etc. to make lovely photograph albums for us. She made cute little yarn toys when our children were young. She loved animals and was especially fond of her Chow dog, Ling. She kept up a huge correspondence with old friends and the relatives, remembered birthdays, and was rewarded by the receipt of many cards on her own birthday.

Doris worked very hard all her life. Someone said, 'God gives every bird food...but He doesn't throw it into the nest.' She could have written that. She was very industrious. Her mother lived with her until she died. She helped care for her grandmother who lived to 99 years, and also was responsible for the care of one of her aunts. These gestures of loving care were an example for her only child who in turn represented the security she enjoyed in her last years. She frequently spoke of this and counted it a blessing.

Doris Kathleen Spencer died November 12, 1998, at Yountville, California at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 2 days. She is survived by her son, Gary Spencer of Alameda; a niece, Cheryl Lugo, of Pacific Grove; a nephew, Robert Barrett of Salinas, and many cousins.

Farewell, Doris, we won't forget you.

Mary Jean Coeur-Barron