



Doris A. Fisher

December 13, 1917 - November 27, 2013

Doris Ardale (Brust) Fisher, of Schickley, youngest of four children of Charles and Clara (Bergquist) Brust, passed away on November 27, 2013 in Geneva at the age of 95. She was born on December 13, 1917, on the family homestead of O.G. and Ingar Bergquist about four miles west of the present day Schickley.

Doris was baptized and confirmed in the Schickley Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School. She later transferred to the Ong Methodist Church.

She attended eight years of rural school at District #52 - Eureka, Schickley High School for two years, and Sutton High School for two years receiving Normal Training that allowed her to begin her teaching career. Doris taught in Clay and Fillmore County rural schools a number of years. She taught in Martland for two years, Ong for six years and ended her career in Davenport where she taught for 24 years. During the span of her career Doris taught in all eight grades. Many former students kept in touch with Doris over the years which meant a great deal to her. She was always interested in hearing about their lives and accomplishments.

During her teaching years Doris continued her higher education and attended night classes. She received a Bachelor's Degree from University of Nebraska Lincoln in 1964 and a Master's Degree from UNL in 1969. Both degrees were in Education. Doris achieved this with the support of her husband Sam Fisher who drove her to her night classes. Doris was active in the Thayer Co.

Teachers Association serving as president of this organization.; a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Alpha Zeta Chapter) where she also held the office of president; and a member of Nebraska Education Association. In September of this year, Doris was able to travel to the University of Nebraska Kearney where she was recognized at a dedication of the One Room, One Teacher Honor Wall. Doris has a plaque on the Honor Wall that memorializes and pays tribute to one room school teachers and their contributions to education.

Doris and Sam Fisher were married on July 25, 1939 at York, Nebraska and returned west of Shickley where they spent the rest of their lives. During her married years Doris worked as a farm wife. She always had a garden, flowers, canned, cooked for and hosted family gatherings, and helped Sam as needed. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1989. After Sam's death in 1996, Doris continued to live on the family farm where she was born until her move to Heritage Crossings in Geneva on April 9, 2010.

Preceded in death by her parents, husband Sam in 1996, sister Zylpha in 1907, brother Hosmer in 1915, sister Donna Levander in 2007, brother-in-law Harvey Levander in 1988, and nephew Richard Levander in 2004.

Survivors from her immediate family include niece Janet and her husband Jerry Carnes (Lincoln), nephew's wife Joyce Levander (Central City), and great nieces and nephews.

Services for Doris will be Monday, December 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska. Public visitation will begin Sunday at 1:00 p.m. until 8:00p.m. at the Funeral Home in Geneva. Interment will be in the Geneva Public Cemetery. Memorials are directed to the family in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Alpha Zeta Chapter). We are an organization of women teachers. Even though Doris has not been able to attend our meetings for the past several years, please know that we all remembered her and held her in the highest regard, never forgetting her dedication to the teaching profession. Our deepest sympathies go to Doris' family and former students.

Diane Row - December 07, 2013 at 08:50 PM

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“ I have always known Doris as Aunt Doris. Her husband Sam was my mother's brother. I have many fond memories of visiting them on the farm and enjoying the fabulous meals that Aunt Doris created. I was a public school teacher for 36 years so we had a lot of conversations about teaching. I will always have memories of her as a devoted wife, a loving sister and aunt, a dedicated teacher and a person who set an example for all who knew her. I will miss her.

Diane Green - December 02, 2013 at 07:04 PM

DB

“ I was acquainted with Doris through my husband's business and visited with her several times every spring and periodically throughout the year. Her mind was so sharp it was amazing. She always asked about our twin grandsons and other family members, which astounded me. May she rest in peace from her many years of labor and passing on knowledge as a dedicated teacher.G

Deb Bixby - December 02, 2013 at 03:30 PM

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“Doris was a favorite grade school teacher of mine at Davenport, NE. She left a lasting impression with her passion for teaching and care for the welfare of her students. She was my third grade teacher(1963-64) and later our home room teacher for junior high (1967-68 & 1968-69). The lessons and principles I learned from her have been carried throughout my lifetime. She inspired students to do their very best. I most recently thought of her as she was the person who informed our thrid grade class of John F. Kennedy's death, 50 years ago on November 22,1963. She left a lasting mark on the many lives that crossed her path. Sincerely, Tom Mountford

Tom Mountford - December 02, 2013 at 03:00 PM