



Dee Dodd

November 13, 1920 - January 23, 2013

Emily Deardra "Dee" Dodd, 92, of Napa, passed away January 23, 2013 at The Meadows of Napa Valley skilled nursing facility following a lengthy illness. Born November 13, 1920 near Colfax on the Watts Family homestead established in 1852, she was the only child of James Thomas and Emily Lurine Watts Manchester. She arrived two months early and the family often recounted that she survived only due to the constant attention of her mother and two grandmothers spending her first weeks held snugly to the bosom of each taking turns her first crib a small shoebox. As a girl she enjoyed horseback riding and panning for gold in a small stream that ran through the farmyard prizing her collection of tiny bits and flecks in a small glass jar. At age 16 she moved with her family to Vallejo where she graduated high school in 1938. It was in Vallejo she met a young Gerald Dodd, serving in the Navy and stationed at Mare Island. The couple married in 1939 and Dee would often make long journeys to join Jerry wherever he was sent by the Navy. In 1942, Dee and Jerry made their home in Napa and for a time Dee worked as a beautician at a small shop on Pearl Street. As the family grew, Dee concentrated on being a fine homemaker and mother. She was a wonderful cook, excellent baker, and her family will always remember her "beautiful" biscuits, homemade jams, and pies made from berries grown at her longtime Napa home. She enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening always taking special interest in her tomatoes, strawberries and ollie berries. An only child, she enjoyed times spent with her father freshwater fishing and deer hunting

and continued even in later years taking trips to Pope Valley to fish with good friend Laura Soon. She liked the 49ers, but was a true Giants Fan! Always a lady, strong, well put together, adventurous she took delight in the nickname her family assigned: "The Warden!" Dee was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Napa, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Society of Military Widows, and the Bonsai Club. She was also a longtime Rebekah, member of the Sisters of Hiram, and served as council member for Jobes Daughters. In 2009, Dee was proud to have received a special award for more than fifty years membership in Napa's Silver Spray Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and had been active in its Sew and So Club. Dee was preceded in death by her husband Gerald (Jerry), daughter Sandra Hall, sons Dale Edward Dodd and Gerald (also known as Jerry), and grandchildren Denise Hall and Michelle Dodd. She is survived by her son James "Jim" Dodd and his wife Patti; by Dale's wife Diane; and by Jerry's former wife, Sarah Dodd. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Sandra's sons, David Hall, Darren Hall and his wife Pam; Jerry's sons, Sean Dodd, Erik Dodd and his wife Elisa; Jim and Patti's daughters, Amy Jones and her husband Eric, Suzanne Gallagher and her husband Kevin; Dale's daughter Kim Sturtz and her husband Mark; and by great grandchildren: David's son Roy Hall; Darren's daughters Mary, Breanna and Erin Hall; Sean's son Gabriel Dodd; Erik's children Dylan and Sydney Dodd; Amy's children Casey, Mikaela, and Chloe Jones; and Suzanne's children Delia and Frankie Gallagher. Funeral service will be 11:00 am Friday, February 1, 2013 at Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel, 623 Coombs St. in Napa with Pastor John DeBow of Napa's Foursquare Church officiating. Private committal will be in Tulocay Cemetery. Friends may also call at the funeral home from 4-7 pm Thursday. The family would be grateful if contributions were made in Dee's memory to Hospice of Napa Valley, 414 S. Jefferson St., Napa, CA 94559.