



## Agnes Doraleen Thornley

January 21, 1928 - December 20, 2013

Agnes Doraleen Thornley, 85, of Toppenish, WA passed away Dec 20, 2013 at Willow Springs Nursing Home in Yakima, WA.

She was born Jan 21, 1928 in Smithfield, Cache, UT, the second of six daughters of Echo Earl Thornley and Alley Seamons Thornley.

Doraleen was in the fifth grade when the family moved to St Leon, ID where she completed the eighth grade. The family then moved to Ucon, ID where Doraleen graduated from High School. In 1946 the family moved to a farm near Harlem, MT. All the girls helped with the farm work, herding beef cattle, sheep, and weeding beets and potatoes, etc.

Doraleen played the French horn in High School and college. She loved poetry and had a unique sense of humor. She was an interesting person to be around and everyone loved her.

In 1947 she took one quarter of summer school at Havre, MT College and taught school that fall in a one-room country school in the tiny town in Cleveland, MT. In 1957 she graduated from Brigham Young University and taught school 27 years in Browning, MT. She was vice principal from 1959-1972. In 1974 she was selected Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America (a national award). She also received the Johnson O'Malley Cultural Program

Award, the School Health Education Evaluation Award, the Blackfoot Reservation Outstanding Educator Award, and Future Teacher of America Supervisor. She was Browning MEA President, Citizenship Chairman, and Personal Appraisal Committee Chairman. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Doraleen was a faithful member of the LDS Church and taught Primary and adult classes. She was also a Girl Scout Leader.

Her parents moved to Toppenish, WA. in 1970 and when her father passed away in 1984 she quit teaching and came to Toppenish to take care of her mother. She took care of her mother and their beautiful yard for 24 years until her mother's death in 2008.

Doraleen is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Margaret Malane (Jules) Sharff. She is survived by four sisters; Lois Harris (Clarence) Yakima, WA. Sharon (George) Pearson, Fairfield, MT; Ela Dee (Nolan) Alcorn, Toppenish, WA; and Linda (Francis) Barney, El Monte, CA; 12 Nieces and 13 nephews who will miss her greatly.

Funeral services will be held Jan 4, 2014 at the LDS Chapel in Toppenish, WA at 11:00 a.m. with visitation at 10AM in the Relief Society Room. Services in Logan, UT will be held at the Nelson Funeral Home, 162 East 400 North, Logan, UT 84321 on Jan 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Internment in the Smithfield, UT Cemetery. Friends may send condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com).

The family would like to thank Hospice and Willow Spring Nursing Home for the loving care they gave to Doraleen. Colonial Funeral Home and Nelson Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

Toppenish Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints  
Lincoln & North A Streets  
Toppenish, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Agnes Doraleen Thornley*

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