



Rachael Parker Oberdorf

November 7, 1924 - December 21, 2015

Rachael Oberdorf, 91, passed away to be with her Lord Jesus on December 21, 2015 in Newport, Oregon.

Rachael was born on her parents', Edgar and Hazel VanDyke's, small homestead farm near Baudette, MN on November 7, 1924. Due to the depression and crop difficulties of the time, their family moved to Nebraska, Saskatchewan, Washington, and then on to Oregon. They settled on a small farm outside of Dundee, where several years later, Rachael graduated from high school.

It was while she was still in school and working in a concession stand at baseball game that Rachael met young Eldon Parker, the third baseman for the rival team from Yamhill. Soon after their graduations in 1942, Eldon was drafted into the army and served in World War II. They kept up their courtship through frequent letter writing and were married in the autumn of 1945 while he was home on leave.

Rachael and Eldon had two children, Donald and Lila, and lived many of their early married years on a small chicken ranch outside of Carlton, OR. Later, they moved to Coquille where Rachael worked as a legal secretary in the Coos County District Attorney's office until her retirement in 1982. Rachael and Eldon loved the outdoors, camping, exploring and traveling until Eldon's

death in 1993.

A few years later, Rachael met her "Second Time Around" sweetheart, Reagan Oberdorf. They were married in 2001 and enjoyed years of camping, traveling, and walking the beaches.

Reagan survived Rachael by only one month. He passed away on January 25, 2016 at age 96 in Chico, CA near the home of one of his sons. Rachael was preceded in death by her beloved son, Donald Parker (1947-2011.) She is survived by her daughter, Lila Wirick (David,) daughter-in-law, Linda Parker, five grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Rachael was much loved and is much missed! A celebration of her life is planned for later this spring at the Waldport Seventh Day Adventist Church.