

In Loving Memory...



*You can only have one mother
Patient kind and true;
No other friend in the entire world,
Will be the same to you.*

*When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.*

*As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.*

*Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*

– Irish Funeral Prayer

Lois Ann Drummond Stoops

29 September 1925 – 23 December 2009

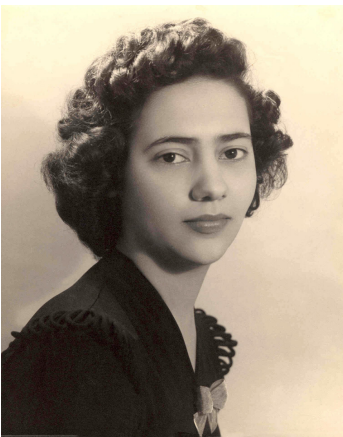
***Wife, Mother, Aunt, Grandmother,
Friend, Teacher, Mentor & Poet***

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Lois began life in Hilo, Hawaii, as the center of an extended family comprised of her mother, Lucy, her beloved grandfather, "Vuvu," aunts, uncles and cousins. She was not to meet her father, Robert Drummond, until her 21st birthday.



As a five-year-old, Lois was allowed to sit in her mother's First Grade classroom. She was a quick learner and was allowed to move on the next year. This precocious start landed her at Golden Gate Academy in Oakland, CA, at the tender age of 16. Her mother, worried about impending war, sent her there to live with her aunt in safety.



On graduation in 1941, Lois attended Pacific Union College. The summer of her junior year there she traveled to Cuba with her roommate, Dorothy Castleman, to learn Spanish at the University

of Havana. (She always joked that she went to school with Castro and Che Guevara.)

Lois graduated with a BA in English in 1945 and her first job was teaching English to returning veterans, an assignment she met with both fear and amusement.

She met Albert Stoops in 1945 and they were married on 7 September 1946. Lois gave Albert a daughter, Michele, as a graduation present in the spring of 1950.



After Albert's graduation in 1950, the family started on an odyssey of education and travel. Over the next 30 years Lois taught English, Literature and Poetry. She taught at Golden Gate Academy, San Pasqual Academy, Hawaiian Mission Academy (HMA), Kailua Mission Elementary, Modesto Union Academy, Vancouver (BC) Junior Academy, Okanagan (BC) Junior Academy, returned to HMA, Eugene Junior Academy, Pacific Union College Preparatory School, Mt Ellis Academy and Laurelwood Academy.

Her son, Alan, was born in Ceres, CA, in the spring of 1962.

In 1973 Lois served as women's dean in Foreman Hall at Walla Walla College. In 1974 Lois, Albert and Alan took a year's sabbatical; traveling throughout Europe. On her return in 1975, she resumed teaching, first at Laurelwood Academy and then returned to Mt Ellis Academy.



From 1980 to 1984 Lois served as women's dean in Conard and Foreman Halls at Walla Walla

College in Walla Walla, WA, and in the WWC School of Nursing Dormitory in Portland, OR.

From 1984 to 1986 Lois completed her career with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving in the Heritage Room at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California.



On her retirement, Lois and Albert moved to Bend, OR, where they volunteered at the Three Sisters School.

Albert passed away in August of 1997. Since then Lois has made her home in Portland, Oregon.



During their life together the Stoops family enjoyed many wonderful summers traveling throughout the US, Canada and Europe. Lois was able to make a final two-month trip to Europe in the fall of 2000.

Lois had a special generosity of spirit and a creative mind that made her a teacher, dean, mother and mentor not easily forgotten.

She loved her work, her life and her travels and never tired of telling and hearing a good joke.

She will be missed.