

Lola Lucile Freeman was taken to her heavenly home on Saturday, February 24, 2007. She was born February 4, 1913, the oldest of ten children of James Samuel "Sam" and Lola May (Carver) Freeman, in a tiny cabin in Pony, Montana and lived her first five years on a homestead near Pony.

In 1918, the family moved to the Gallatin Valley, living first near Gateway and then moving north nearer Hot Springs. She attended Salesville and Elk Grove elementary schools.

In 1927, she entered Gallatin County High School in Bozeman and daily rode the interurban trolley which ran between Gateway and the Milwaukee Station in Bozeman. After graduation, she worked several years in Bozeman and Butte before continuing her education. In 1948, she entered Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma and graduated in 1951 with a B.A. in Bible and Religious Education. In 1951, she began teaching for the Board of Weekday Religious Education of Indianapolis and Marion County. While working there, she attended other college classes whenever possible, and returned to Bozeman in 1961 to attend Montana State College, obtaining a teaching degree in 1962. She taught school in Rudyard, Montana in 1962-63. From 1963 to 1966, she was the librarian at the Greybull, Wyoming public school. In the summers, she attended school in Denver and in 1965 she received her Master of Arts in Librarianship.

On July 1, 1966, she went to work at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. In the seventeen years that she worked there, library functions went from all manual work to computer operations. One year while there, she served as secretary of the Drake Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

In 1983, Lucile retired from Drake University and returned to live in Bozeman where she has remained until her death.

Lucile was a lifelong member of Grand Avenue Christian Church, serving as Elder, Deaconess, and in many teaching capacities. She led numerous Bible studies and Sunday School classes and served as Church Librarian for many years. She served as a delegate from Grand Avenue Christian Church to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and to the Montana Regional Assembly. She also participated in the annual regional Congress of Christians. She was active in the Christian Women's Fellowship of the church and attended their regional retreats.

She was an avid lover of nature, enjoying plants, flowers, birds and butterflies. She shared her love of books and knowledge with all the family whom she loved dearly, buying books for all the siblings, nieces and nephews as well as for the children of still the next generation.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Chester, Fred, and Jim, and one sister, Minnie Yuhas.

Lucile is survived by three sisters, Elsie Westra, of Manhattan; Edna Cash of Hamilton, Montana, and Dora Harrington of Bozeman; two brothers, Louis (Elizabeth) Freeman of Great Falls, and Richard (Barbara) Freeman of Mill City, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews. We all will miss her but rejoice that she now is in Glory with her Savior.

Memorial services will be held at a later date to be announced.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com