



Donaldine (Dee) Dawes Fishbaugh is now safe in the arms of her Lord and Savior, succumbing to Alzheimer's after a long and abundant life. She died Wednesday with her son, Perry, by her side in the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Dee was born at the old Bozeman Deaconess Hospital on September 6, 1925 to R. Earl and Madaline Dawes, the first of their two children. She grew up in Bozeman, spending summers at her family's 1867 homestead ranch on Sweet Grass Creek near Big Timber and graduated from Bozeman High in 1944. She attended Montana State University for a year, and then transferred to Washington State University in Seattle majoring in journalism where she met John Fishbaugh.

John and Dee married August 30, 1947, moving to Fairbanks, Alaska where John worked as an architectural engineer with the military. The couple returned to Great Falls, Montana in 1953 where they raised their 3 children. Dee loved cooking, entertaining and gardening and created a beautiful backyard oasis for the family where many family gatherings were held. Dee loved flowers, grand scenery and anything beautiful, and collected fine china and Oriental vases.

In 1967, John and Dee started the state's first Christian bookstore, Rainbow Christian Supply, providing Sunday school materials and religious supplies and books to all of north-central Montana. Dee did all the purchasing for the gift selections in the store and was very good at locating many unique and beautiful items which she arranged in stunning displays. Part of the bookstore ministry also involved many hours consulting and counseling individuals and helping church ministries.

John and Dee supported Bridges for Peace, a mission organization dedicated to helping Jewish immigrants getting settled in Israel. They conducted several tours of Israel for this organization and had a keen interest in Jewish history and customs and all world news events looking for those clues to Jesus' second coming.

Dee studied Bible prophecy for 30 years conducting 12-week classes on end-times issues. She travelled to many nearby communities and was special speaker at many conferences and gatherings. She especially loved to talk to people about the reality of heaven and the nearness of Jesus second coming; her great desire was to be taken to heaven in the Rapture.

In her later years, Dee especially loved to host tea parties and Bible studies in her home and spent many hours in prayer for the hurting people of her community. She supported missionaries in China, Sequim and Israel and loved to hear of their work and the miracles God was doing in these nations.

Dee was preceded in death by her husband John, her son Stephen, and her daughter Micheline. She is survived by her son Perry Fishbaugh (Esther) of Bozeman and her brother Leland Dawes (Betty) of Anacortes, WA., her granddaughters Stephanie Snyder (Chad) of Soldotna, Alaska, and Leah Delange (David) of Bozeman, and four great grandchildren, Emma, Madison, Heidi and Mason Snyder of Soldotna, AK and nephew Dan Dawes (Sandy) of Federal Way, WA.

Memorials in her name can be written to Friends of Israel, P.O. Box 908, Bellmawr, NJ 08099 or Solid Rock Ministries, 36251 Solid Rock Road #1, Soldotna, AK 99669.