



Martha Anne Dow

1939–2007

Martha Anne Dow, 68, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, succumbed to breast cancer Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007. She was surrounded by her husband of 47 years, Gary, their three children and six grandchildren.

A private family celebration of life service was held Saturday, Oct. 6. An open gathering to celebrate Dr. Dow's life will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, in Klamath Falls, at the Ross Ragland Theater.

Martha Anne Eudy was born Jan. 3, 1939, in Little Rock, Ark., but called Montana her home. She was a microbiologist by training and said that she settled on that discipline because biologists had to draw their specimens. According to her account, she could manage the squiggles and other shapes of microorganisms, but couldn't draw other life forms. Dr. Dow longed to be an engineer, but was told it was not a profession for a woman.

She was proud of her children and grandchildren. The highlights of her annual activities were times spent in the presence of her family. She cherished memories of trips to the family's cabin in Montana. Reading to her grandchildren was one of her favorite activities. She was especially fond of Dr. Seuss' "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" She also loved Elvis Presley's music.

Dr. Dow and her husband regularly attended the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Men's Basketball National Championships to cheer for the Hustlin' Owls of Oregon Institute of Technology. She was the University's fifth president, known for her vision, servant leadership and open-door policy.

On Sept. 12, 2007, OIT's new health sciences building was named in her honor - the Martha Anne Dow Center for Health Professions.

Dr. Dow held a bachelor's from Northern Montana College, a master's from Montana State University and a Ph.D. from University of Hawaii-Manoa.

In 2000, she received the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Service given by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce and the Candice Richard Award for outstanding contributions to economic development, given by the Klamath County Economic Development Association.

She was active in numerous organizations and was also a director on the Klamath Basin Ecosystem Foundation, Southern Oregon Public Television, and served chair of the Crater Lake National Park Trust Board of Trustees.

Dr. Dow is survived by her husband, Gary of Brush Prairie, Wash.; daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Ron Del Carlo of Brush Prairie, and Jerilyn and Jeff Hanson of Oregon City; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Stacy Dow of Vancouver, Wash.; grandchildren, Juliana and Olivia Del Carlo, Hunter and Delany Dow, and Lucas and Logan Hanson; brother and sister-in-law, Rich and Mary Eudy of Missoula, Mont.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Brian and Judy Dow of Seattle, Chuck and Shirley Dow of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patricia and Ray Gahlen of Seattle.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Martha Anne Dow Center for Health Professions in care of the Oregon Tech Foundation, 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

Straub's Funeral Home in Camas, Wash., is entrusted with arrangements.