

Spouse

Dorothy Workman
1927-2020

Dorothy Workman, 92, of Vermillion, S.D., widow of the Rev. David Workman, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at Sanford Vermillion Care Center in Vermillion. Memorial services were planned for a later date.

Dorothy Eileen Allison was born on June 9, 1927, in South Dakota, to Andrew and Esther (Johnson) Allison. The family lived at Bruce, S.D., where Andrew worked as a teacher; and then in New Jersey, where her younger sister, Margaret, was born; and at Kenmore, N.Y., where Andrew worked as a chemist for the Department of Agriculture.

Dorothy married David Lowell Workman on June 18, 1949, at Brookings, S.D. After David graduated with his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1951, he and Dorothy returned to the Workman family farm north of Brookings. During their five years there, daughters Margaret and Kristen were born.

To pursue an early dream, David went to Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N.J., graduating in 1958. The family then moved to Iowa, where David served Goodwill Industries at Sioux City.

Son Allen and daughter Eileen were born during David and Dorothy's years in South Dakota, serving at White River-Mission-Wood and Beresford. The family then went to Vietnam, where David served as a missionary from 1969 to 1971.

They returned to South Dakota, where they served several charges through the years, including Claremont-Hecla, Elk Point, and Brookings. Dorothy earned her master's degree in counseling in 1975 and worked as a mental health counselor.

David retired in 1992, and he and Dorothy Dee, as she was referred, moved to Vancouver, Wash. After David's death Aug. 3, 2003, at Vancouver, Dorothy decided to pursue an early dream of becoming a writer. She enrolled in a creative writing course at Clark College in Vancouver. Some of her haiku were published in "Elderberry Wine, Vintage 2010: Writings from the Mature Learning Creative Writing Program."

An excellent conversationalist, Dorothy was well-traveled and creative. During many trips to Japan to visit her eldest daughter, she developed a love of haiku. She visited Iceland with friends, traveling throughout the country by tour bus.

After more than 20 years in Vancouver, Dorothy returned to South Dakota, living at North Sioux City, Sioux Falls, and finally, Vermillion.