

## Doris Greve, 88

June 18, 1921 - Aug. 5, 2009

**SILVER SPRING, MD** — Doris Jane Greve, the only child of Ernest P. and Eva (McDowell) Greve, was born on June 18, 1921, in Shelby. Her maternal grandparents were pioneer settlers and landowners in Shelby County. Doris Jane, as she was known by her family, started school in Shelby in September 1927. However, in February 1928, she was stricken with spinal meningitis which caused her to become totally deaf. After a few years of home schooling, the family moved to Omaha, NE, where she enrolled at Omaha North High School. She graduated from North High in June 1939, and was selected as the Most Outstanding Graduate of The Year. Later she was awarded an academic scholarship and enrolled at what is now the University of Omaha where she graduated with an Associates of Arts and Sciences degree. After graduating from Omaha University, which was during World War II, Doris Jane traveled to Washington, DC where she was employed by two agencies that were precursors to the US State Department. After the war, when the agencies were folded into the State Department, Doris Jane continued to work for 38 years and received numerous meritorious awards including the State Department's Meritorious Honor Award. At one time she was known as "Miss State Department Travel Voucher Examiner." Doris Jane was an active member of the Junior Hearing Group of the Washington Hearing Society. She traveled extensively to support and attend various conferences on hearing impairment and deafness. She contributed to various associations and foundations for the deaf. Doris Jane was also a former member of the Washington United Methodist Church of the Deaf but most recently attended Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Beltsville, MD. Doris Jane died on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at Laurel Regional Hospital in Laurel, MD, having attained the age of eighty-eight years, one month, and seventeen days.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents and her three step-brothers Merritt, Robert, and Charles Bailey. She is survived by her cousins Harold Greve and Edna Greve Dewey; her step-brother Thomas E. Bailey of Goodyear, AZ; and several step-nieces and step-nephews living in Iowa, Nebraska, and California.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 10:00 AM at Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman, with Rev. Keith Pals officiating.



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