

Edith A. Dodge

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Edith Alfreda Dodge, 101, died Monday, May 1, at her residence in Boothbay.

Born on January 16, 1906, in East Boothbay, she was the second child of six born to Alfred Seavey and Ida May Van Horn Dodge. She attended local schools graduating from Lincoln Academy. She furthered her education at Gorham Normal, Farmington Normal, the University of Maine at Orono, the University of Maine at Portland, Colby College and Boston University.

After six years teaching at East Boothbay she received a life certificate for teaching. She continued teaching for another 41 years in the Boothbay School System retiring as principal in 1970.

In September 1935 she married Kenneth Stratton Dodge. She was active in the choir, a Sunday School teacher and an active member of the East Boothbay Methodist Church for over 70 years.

Mrs. Dodge has received many awards for years of leadership and extensive hours of volunteer work. These include: 1980 Rotary Life Time Service Award, 1985 Certificate of Appreciation from the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers, 1988 Outstanding Service to the Community Award from AARP, 1995 State of Maine Volunteer Certificate of Recognition Award on behalf of St. Andrews Hospital Auxiliary for over 3,500 hours of dedicated service and volunteerism.

She was a past president of Lincoln County Teachers Association, Secretary of the Lincoln County Cultural and Historical Society, a life member of Crescent Chapter O.E.S. #54 and Worthy Matron for two terms.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge were extensive travelers here and abroad. She enjoyed her family and many friends from all over. She found time to knit, sew, read, garden, entertain, and watch the many beautiful birds at her feeder from her dining room table while eating or living room while relaxing with a good book.

She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Kenneth S. Dodge in 1998; and her brother, Wesley Dodge.

Survivors include six nephews, Richard Blake of Renton, Wash., Corliss Blake of Freeport, Edward Dodge of Owls Head, Arthur Dodge of Harpswell, and William Dodge, of East Boothbay; two nieces, Susan Duckworth of Bow, N.H. and Nancy Siegel of Bolton, Mass.; several great-nephews and great-nieces.

Visitations will be held Friday, May 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Simmons, Harrington and Hall Funeral Home in Boothbay.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, May 5, at the East Boothbay Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with Lisa Burger officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Mrs. Dodge's memory to the Boothbay Region Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 280, Boothbay, ME 04537; or the East Boothbay United Methodist Church P.O. Box 11, East Boothbay, ME 04544.

Arrangements are entrusted to Simmons, Harrington, & Hall Funeral Home in Boothbay.