

In Memoriam - Dorothy Louise Cooke

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IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Louise Cooke, 90, died Wednesday, December 27, 2006, in St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Halifax. Born July 2, 1916, in Halifax, she was a daughter of Frederick W. Dobson (Halifax), and Flora W. Dobson (Sperry), (Petite Riviere). She grew up in Halifax attending the Halifax Academy, Dalhousie University, and the University of Toronto for a degree in Library Science. Dorothy played on Dalhousie's Women's Basketball team from 1936-37. She married Arthur Charles Cooke of Halifax and they lived in River John, Howe Sound, B.C., Yarmouth and Halifax.

In 1957 she began her career at the Dalhousie University Library, working there until 1981 at which time she was University Librarian. Fellow librarians remember that her priorities were always quality library services for students and faculty and concern for the library staff. She was an excellent reference librarian and loved her work. Dorothy was President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association from 1966-67.

After retirement, she volunteered at the Help Line and Seniors Housing. She continued her interest in genealogy and worked through the Nova Scotia Public Archives. It was also during this time period that she authored two reference books published by Dal, "Nova Scotia Variant Place Names" and "An Index to Acadiensis 1901-1908."

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Cooke; her sisters, Helen March, Bridgewater, and Margie Bishop, Dartmouth; her brother, John Dobson, and son-in-law, Dan Mrkich. She is survived by her daughters, Janet Jericho and Susan Mrkich, Ottawa; her son-in-law, Manfred Jericho, (Professor, Department of Physics & Atmospheric Science, Dal); her grandchildren, Niels and wife Karen McSweeny, Marc, Stefan Jericho (Research Associate, Department of Physics & Atmospheric Science, Dal) and Alexander, Soren and Astrid Mrkich; great-granddaughters, Anna and Julia

Dorothy lived the last six years of her life at St. Vincent's Nursing Home where she enjoyed the musical entertainment, dancing, music therapy, wonderful food and most of all the compassionate and gentle care of the staff on the 6th floor. We wish to thank all of the staff for their care and concern for Dorothy and her family. Donations may be made to St. Vincent's Nursing Home or Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. Condolences

care of Janet Jericho, 31 Seascape Lane, Herring Cove NS B3V 1H2. There will be a memorial service at St. Vincent's Nursing Home Chapel, 2080 Windsor St., on January 19, 2007, at 2 p.m.