



Dorothy "Dotty" Olson

March 22, 1922 - July 4, 2010

Dorothy Helen "Dotty" Olson , 88 year-old long time Etna resident, passed away at home on Sunday morning July 4, 2010. Dotty was born in Mohall, North Dakota on March 22, 1922 to Julius and Lena Schroeder. She attended and graduated from Mohall High School where she was a cheerleader for the Yellow Jackets. Dotty then attended Minot State Teacher's College now Minot State University. Dotty was married to Ralph Olson on August 5, 1942 in Mohall. The couple moved to Etna in 1970. Dotty was involved in many different things, including being a teacher, a YMCA Camp Director, owner and operator of Dotty's Jolly Cone and owner and trainer of Akili, the African Elephant. Survivors include a daughter, Vrenda Lee of Ashland, Oregon and New York, New York; nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Dotty was preceded in death her husband, Ralph Olson 1921-2010, and four children, Vonnie Loree 1943-2000, Valerie Jean 1947-2008, Verne Ralph 1949-1985 and Vickie Lynn 1955-1955. A memorial service will be held in the Etna United Methodist Church on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. with a "singspiration" starting at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Scott Valley Swimming Pool, P.O. Box 501, Etna, CA 96027, or Etna United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 70, Etna, CA 96027. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.