

OBITUARY

Dorothy Katherine Spitz was born July 28, 1925, in Blue Hill, Nebraska, the daughter of Rev. Lewis W. and Pauline Griebel Spitz. She had two older siblings, Polly and Lew, who were always very dear to her.

Dorothy graduated from St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, in 1944, and from the University of Missouri in 1946.

On June 5, 1948, she and Wilbert H. Rosin were married in St. Louis (Bethel Lutheran). They spent their early married years in Concordia, Missouri, where their two sons, Robert and John, were born. It was a return for Dot since her father had been on the faculty of St. Paul's College there for over twenty years, and SPC was where Wil now taught. Along with being a busy mother and homemaker, she taught history at Concordia High School and for a time also taught German and social studies at SPC. In 1961, the family moved to River Forest, Illinois, when Wil accepted a call to Concordia Teachers College. Subsequent calls took them to Concordia College, Milwaukee; to the Seminary in Fort Wayne; and finally back to St. Louis and Concordia Publishing House.

For many years Dorothy was active in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League on the local, district, and national levels, serving as recording secretary for district and the International LWML. She also was an associate editor of the *LWML Quarterly* and on various other committees.

At the 1973 LCMS convention in New Orleans, she was the first woman elected to a Synod board, serving on the Board for Mission Services until 1985. During that time she was the Board's recording secretary and traveled as part of a review committee to various mission fields.

Dot wrote for *Portals of Prayer* and also authored Bible studies for the LWML *Mustard Seeds* series, along with other devotions for LWML use. She served as Bible study leader and speaker at many LWML district conventions. Outside of church circles she was active in a wide range of community affairs. In recognition of her writings and her service to the Church, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, awarded her the Litt.D. (Doctor of Letters) honorary degree in 1979.

Dorothy had a special interest in foreign students, entertained them often in the Rosin home, and was honored to be a godparent for children of students from China and India. Dot and Wil continued to have many such contacts, including the Tamil Christian Fellowship in St. Louis.

She was an unassuming, faithful servant and a dear and trusted friend of many. She loved her family, her contacts to missions and the Church, and especially her Lord.

Dorothy was called home to heaven early in the morning on February 9, 2010. Her funeral service of thanksgiving and victory was at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis, on February 12, and she was laid to rest at Concordia Cemetery in the sure hope of the resurrection. She is survived by Wilbert, Bob and his wife Laine, and John.

From Wil: "The greatest gift God has given me, next to my salvation, is my wife, Dorothy. My life has been enriched immeasurably, and whatever I have done professionally has been far more effective because of her. When two fond hearts under God unite, the yoke is easy and the burden light."

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Memorials suggested to Mission Central, 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, Iowa 51034, or to Peace Lutheran Church.