



Audrey Rodgie McNeel

July 29, 1916 - May 21, 2011

AUDREY MCNEEL July 29, 1916 ~ May 21, 2011 Audrey Rodgie McNeel, longtime early childhood education teacher for the Vancouver Public Schools, died on Saturday, May 21, 2011 in Vancouver, Washington, surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 29, 1916 in McLean, Nebraska and graduated from McLean High School in 1932. She obtained a teaching certificate from Wayne State College, later known as Wayne State University, and began her teaching career in a country school in Nebraska. Audrey moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1939, where she met and married Frank McNeel and had three children, Frank, Jr., Karen and Janice. In 1955 Audrey took a job teaching kindergarten and also trained college students interested in early childhood education. During this time she earned a Master's degree in education from the University of Portland. Audrey was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa teacher's sorority, Southwest Washington Retired Teachers, University of Portland Alumna and the Vancouver Bridge Club. She was a member of St. James Catholic church where she served on the Historical Society, Altar Society, and was a Eucharistic Minister for many years. She is survived by her son, Frank (Theresa) McNeel of Norwalk, California; and her daughters, Karen (Howard) Meharg of Vancouver, Washington and Janice (Jim) Owens of Oysterville, Washington; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A funeral Mass will be held at St. James Catholic Church, 218 West 12th Street, Vancouver, Washington on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. She will be buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens beside her husband

who preceded her in death in 1974.