

# MABEL FOSSE JETER

Mabel J. (Fosse) Jeter passed away on April 28, 2010 in Eugene, Oregon at the fantastic age of 102. She was born to Johannes M. and Enga N. (Rykken) Fosse on April 7, 1908 in Stevenson, WA. She has been a resident of Olympia, WA since 1960.

On 1902, her parents homestead 80 acres north of Stevenson. In 1907, they moved downtown Stevenson where her father built a home in which she was born. She attended schools in Stevenson and only missed one high school class reunion.

She worked in the Skamania County Prosecuting Office during high school. Politics intrigued Mabel and in 1930 she ran for and was elected Skamania County Clerk-Auditor and held this office two terms.

On June 25, 1943, she married George M. Jeter in Stevenson. George preceded her in death on March 12, 1997.

In her 4th term as County Treasurer, she resigned to accept the position of Executive Treasurer of the Washington Association of County Officials in Olympia. She held this position until her retirement in 1972.

Mabel was also a council member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Stevenson. She was a member of Good Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lacey, WA.

She served as Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star; President of Toastmistress Club; Camp Fire Guardian and Mother Advisor Order of the Rainbow for Girls. During WWII she was very active in the Red Cross and American Legion Auxiliary. She was President of the Stevenson High School Alumni Association and of the Sons of Norway in Olympia. She was a member of the Olympia Daughters of Norway. She served as President of the State Association of County Auditors and County Treasurers and was an honorary member of these associations as well as the Washington Association of County Clerks and the Washington Association of County Officials.

Mabel enjoyed being with people and esteemed God above all others. Her family was second. She will forever be remembered for her kindness, thoughtfulness and wonderful sense of humor. She enjoyed playing pinochle, traveling, needlepoint, crocheting, and her roses. In her youth, she also enjoyed trout fishing.