

Dorothy McMaster

Born	Sydney in 1927
Educated	Narabeen and Chatswood Primary Schools Willoughby Girl's High School Business College
Family	Married to Fred McMaster 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 2 Great grandchildren.

Dorothy worked for a Share Broker until her marriage to Fred McMaster on 13th December, 1947.

Fred was an ordained Minister of the Baptist Church and his first appointment was to Grafton in February 1948, where they stayed for 5 years. This was a challenge for Dorothy to take up the many expected duties of a Minister's wife at the age of 20. Rodney was born in Grafton.

In 1952 Fred was called to be the Minister at Canberra Baptist Church where he remained until his retirement in 1980. Carolyn was born in Canberra in 1956. In 1968 Fred was asked to be the Chaplain on the Fairstar migrant ship. His duties were to work with all the English migrants as well as crew members. The family accompanied him on the trip, which was a great experience for them all.

With Fred's involvement in the church, ecumenical activities, Rotary and as Chaplain to Duntroon, Dorothy was kept busy as President of Ladies Fellowship, working for the YWCA, NCW, and President, then Patron of the Girl's Brigade. Many visiting preachers were accommodated at the manse over the years, which meant more responsibilities for Dorothy. She was always devoted to the children and tried to give them all the support needed for 'paroon kids'.

In 1968 Dorothy was appointed as Secretary of Torrens Primary school. She also worked as Bursar at Gowrie Primary School for a number of years. At her retirement she was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to Education in the ACT.

After her retirement Dorothy joined Australian Church Women where she served the Unit as Minute Secretary, Vice President, Social Justice Convener and Special Days Convener (for 6 years). During this period she was on the National Executive 1995 - 1997 and attended Biannual Conferences.

Dorothy was appointed Life Member of the ACT Unit in 2000. Dorothy has been one of those quiet achievers who mainly work in the background, but make sure that everything is properly done for the good of all.

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