

**DELORA B. BLACK**  
DeLora Bell (Black) Dever  
*Project Writer – Finney County*



DeLora, at the age of 11 years



DeLora's later years

*Photographs provided by Glenda Dever Elwood & Michelle Shank*

**DELORA BELL BLACK**, daughter of William Harry Black (1882-1944) and Mabel Long (1893-1976), was born in Oklahoma on 17 May 1917. By 1920, her family had moved to Webb City, Jasper County, Missouri, and in 1930, they were living in Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri.

Between 1935 and 1937, Delora made her home in Garden City, Kansas, during the writing project and attended the Garden City Junior College. She married **GLENN EDWARD DEVER**, son of Raymond Wesley Dever (1882-1918) and Gertrude Sarah Tomlin (1885-1975) on 24 Nov 1938 in Denver, Jefferson County, Colorado. Glenn was born on 6 Feb 1914 in Geneva, Fillmore County, Nebraska.

Delora worked as a beautician.

In 1945, Glenn and DeLora moved to Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. Glenn died there on 27 Jan 2001, and his burial was at the Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland. Delora passed away on 18 Nov 2014.

Two children were born in their marriage:

**DONALD GLENN DEVER** was born on 23 Nov 1939 in Denver, Colorado, and died on

11 July 1994 in Portland, Oregon. He never married. Burial was at the Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland.

**GLENDALORA DEVER** was born on 26 Oct 1941 in Denver, Colorado. Glenda married Ernest Eugene Shank, son of Jacob R. Shank and Ida Ferster, on 29 Apr 1962 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. They divorced on 17 Nov 1980 in Multnomah County, Oregon. On 3 July 1986, Glenda married Robert Elwood, in Clackamas County, Oregon.