Longtime dahlia enthusiast Myrt DeRooy passed away on October 3, after a brief battle with cancer. She was 93 years old. Myrt and her husband Tony DeRooy were active members of their local dahlia societies starting in the late 1940s. Tony and Myrt were especially involved in the Snohomish County Dahlia Society in the 50s and 60s.

Myrt also supported her husband Tony, a co-founder of the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference, putting on conference shows and performing many other administrative tasks common to dahlia show committee members. She was credited for her work on many successful shows in Snohomish County, as well in the Wenatchee area later in her life.

Myrt was a lifetime and founding member of the North Central Washington Dahlia Society. She was an inspiration to all the members of her local club, and she was especially proud that three of her daughters went on to become dahlia growers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony DeRooy and is survived by 2 sons and 6 daughters, including Vicki DeRooy, Debbie DeRooy and Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook. Her memorial will be Saturday, October 10, at 1:00 in the Calvary Bible Church at the corner of First and Delaware Streets, Wenatchee, Washington.