



Isabel Smith

July 28, 1919 - May 31, 2017

Isabel was born on July 28, 1919, to Harold Rufus Whitby and Osa Belldora Redshaw Whtiby on the family's pioneer homestead, a seven gabled farmhouse nine miles south of Corvallis.

She attended grad school in a one room schoolhouse and was often allowed to ride her horse to school and shelter him in the shed attached to the back of the school building.

Isabel attended Corvallis High School, where she met Harvey Smith, who would become her husband in an outdoor garden wedding at her family's home on June 9, 1940. The couple borrowed Isabel's father's car and honeymooned at Crater Lake.

Their loving marriage was to last 64 years, until Harvey's death in 2004.

When Harvey enlisted in the US Army Corps of Engineers in 1943, Isabel worked for Benton County as a Deputy Sheriff at the courthouse.

She wrote letters to Harvey almost every day while he was away. She also attended Oregon State College for two years.

Upon his return from the war, they bought their first house on Lily Lane in Corvallis.

Their daughter, Janice was born in 1947 and Isabel became a full time homemaker. She had always excelled in sewing and was delighted in making mother/daughter matching outfits. She would retain her love of sewing all her life.

Harvey's advancement at Sherwin Williams Company prompted the family to move to Portland in 1954.

In 1956, their family was completed when their son, Steven, was born.

Isabel was an active and avid gardener who loved caring for plants and flowers in her yard. Century old green roses, tree peonies, moon flowers and rows of Sharon's trees grown from cuttings from her family farm traveled and thrived at each home and yard she tended. They still remain in the family today.

Isabel seemed to always supply the "perfect" food item for every taste and she did them seemingly without effort...oatmeal butterscotch cookies, banana/zucchini bread, strawberry jam, angel food cake and, of course, her flaky wonderful melt in your mouth apple pie! Her husband came home for lunch almost every day of his working career and was always met with homemade soup, sandwich and one of her great desserts.

Isabel was full of life, wisdom and love. She was a devoted wife, a loving and encouraging mother, a proud grandmother and a caring great-grandmother. She always took an active interest in family matters and activities. The love and strength Isabel nurtured within her family will always be one of the most cherished achievements by which she will be remembered. The memory of her quiet laugh and warm smile will never leave us.

Isabel is survived by daughter Janice (Skip) Burke; son Steven (Heidi) Smith; Grandchildren Aimee (Brian) Baker, Spencer Smith; great-grandchildren Turner and Brooke Baker.

A private family funeral was held June 4, 2017 at Crystal Lake Cemetery.