



## Alberta B. Johnston

May 19, 1920 - March 15, 2016

Alberta set sail on her final cruise to the bridge game in the sky on March 15, 2016.

She was born at home to Dirk and Dora Buis on May 19, 1920, near Hickman, Nebraska. Her mother passed away when Alberta was small so her aunt helped raise her.

She received her bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 1943. She taught vocational home economics in high school for four years. She began her career in extension as a county agent in Wyoming while working on her master's degree from Kansas State University which she received in 1957. She then moved to Montana State University as an extension family economics specialist.

She joined the Oregon State University Extension Service as a family finance specialist in 1963. She did graduate work in adult education from University of British Columbia in 1972-73. She retired from the OSU Extension Service as deputy director in 1990.

She came out of retirement to become the volunteer executive director of the Oregon 4-H Foundation — a position she occupied for 20 years. Alberta loved 4-H and spent much of her time helping youth to grow through this organization. She provided countless scholarships for Oregon youth to attend the National 4-H Congress.

Although she received numerous awards and recognition from state and national organizations, she was most proud of being inducted into both the

Oregon and National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Alberta loved to play bridge. She actually had one room of her apartment dedicated to bridge just in case someone wanted to play.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Alice and Dorothy; and nephew Steve Hoese.

She is survived by her great-nephew, Jason Hoese and wife Jenny Carroll; great-niece Kira Lewis and her daughter, Ashlee Gibbs; as well as many friends.

At her request, there will be no service.

Donations in her memory can be made to Oregon 4-H Foundation, Alberta B. Johnston Administrative Endowment, 105 Ballard Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was so saddened to read of Alberta's passing. She was a good friend of my mothers- and they played bridge together regularly. Alberta called every day to check in on my mother and her health. Her caring was deep and not unnoticed. I share in the grief of the family. I rejoice is hoping Alberta and Ruth are playing bridge in the afterlife!

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