



Alta Koeppe

August 18, 1926 - June 14, 2012

Alta Mae Koeppe, 85, of Corvallis died Thursday, June 14, 2012.

Alta was born to John and Olive Paddock Ballard on Aug. 18, 1926, in Morrison, Ill. She attended school in a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth grade. Later in life, she went back to school and earned her GED diploma. She enjoyed working as a waitress for many years.

She married John Stewart on April 27, 1946, in Tampico, Ill. He preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1964. John and Alta adopted two children, Rebecca in 1960 and Scott in 1962.

Alta married Louis Koeppe on July 23, 1971, at Zion Lutheran Church in Corvallis. He preceded her in death on March 15, 2001. Alta became the stepmother of two children, Michael and Mark.

Alta was a lifelong animal lover. She had many beloved pets throughout her life. She was an outdoorswoman who liked horseback riding and fishing. She was a grandmother to nine grandchildren whom she dearly loved.

Alta was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corvallis. She loved Jesus, and was so looking forward to being with Him in heaven.

Survivors include her son, Scott Stewart and wife, Angela, of Brookings; stepson Mark Koeppe, wife, Charla, and their children, John, Evan, Melissa and Kristina of Philomath; daughter Rebecca Humphrey, husband, Larry, of Albany, and their children Jaclyn (Jared) Houser of Dallas, Chelsea of Seattle, Wash., and Trevor of Albany; and daughter-in-law Barbara Koeppe of Clermont, Fla., and her children, Robin (Jarrod) Trout of Orlando, Fla., and

Jennifer Koeppe of Clermont, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Arthur, Willard and Lauren; sisters Lucille and Mabel; husbands John Stewart and Louis Koeppe; and stepson Michael Koeppe.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Zion Lutheran Church, 2745 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis. A family graveside service will be held later this summer at Lyndon Cemetery in Lyndon, Ill.