



## Anna Jean Harper

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The community of Corvallis lost a longtime resident this week with the passing of Anne Harper. She passed peacefully on July 25 on her 96th birthday.

Anne was born in Eugene, Oregon to Joseph Hayworth and Iva Scott Hayworth. She was the youngest of 4 children. Mom grew up a true farm girl, picking all forms of produce, driving windrowers and combines. She attended Wyatt School and Harrisburg High School, graduating in 1946. Mom continued her education by enrolling at Oregon State College, where she studied secretarial science. It was here she met our dad, Bill Harper, when she switched places with another student so that she and dad could be assigned lab partners! They married on September 3, 1949 in Harrisburg, OR. and were married 66 years before our dad’s passing on September 10, 2015.

Mom worked as a teller at the bank in downtown Corvallis, where the current Wells Fargo bank is today. Upon dad’s graduation from Oregon State in 1951, they moved to San Francisco where they welcomed their first daughter, Barbara, into the family. In 1952, they moved back to Oregon, living in Roseburg. They welcomed their second daughter, Kimberlee, in 1959.

They returned to Corvallis in 1963 and both worked in the Athletic Department at Oregon State. In 1970, and until her retirement in 1996, she worked in the Men's Basketball Office as the Office Manager. She worked for 3 coaches, Ralph Miller, Jim Anderson, and Eddie Payne. Those year's she counts as her "most memorable", traveling with the teams to tournaments.

A highlight of her career was being honored by the 1981 Men's basketball team in January 2024. Her comment was "I feel like I've died and gone to Heaven". In addition to working, she was involved with PEO as a member of Corvallis Chapter DQ. She was also known as the "Apple Cake Lady" for Stone Soup. Her love of Beaver Sports led her to be a fixture at many sporting events.

Anne is preceded in death by our dad, Bill Harper, her brothers, Richard and John, and by her sister Margaret, sister in law Pat, brother in law Frank and nephew Robert.

Anne was "Grama Anne" to 4 grandchildren, Jennifer Copeland (Josh), Brett Locey (Kelly), Kari Van Brunt (Roarke) and Kyle Hoover and girlfriend Petra Schenfeld. She was also blessed with 5 great grandchildren, Deagan, Brayden, Addison, Brady and Avery who referred to her as "Granny Annie". She is survived by daughters Barb (Steve) and Kim (Jim) as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the administration and staff of Stoneybrook Senior Living for their kind and wonderful care when she moved in on April 8, 2024 and for the remainder of her life. Also, the team from Lumina Hospice in Corvallis for their loving dedication to mom's care at the end. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in mom's name to Lumina Hospice at 720 SW Fourth Street Corvallis, OR 97333, or to the Oregon State Baseball Dugout

Club or Men's Basketball Program through Our Beaver Nation at [give.fororegonstate.org](http://give.fororegonstate.org) website, by phone at 800-354-7281, or by mail at 4238 SW Research Way Corvallis, OR 97333.

A Celebration of Life/Open House is scheduled for Sunday September 8 at the Corvallis Club, 1850 SW Whiteside Drive, Corvallis. Event goes from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.McHenryFuneralHome.com](http://www.McHenryFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Corvallis Club  
1850 SW Whiteside Dr.  
Corvallis, OR 97333

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Anne, Bill, Barb, and Kim were wonderful friends of the Holman family. Bill and my Dad (Tommy) played basketball at OSU together and Anne and Mom (Lois) became great friends ever since. They talked on the phone nearly every day after Bill and Tommy passed and Mom and I visited Anne last month when she was in Albany, which is when I took this photo. My Mom is 96 as well. Anne always called me “her Duck” as I attended UO. She would also remind me that I didn’t like “gills”, because one night when I was spending the night with the Harper’s, Anne told me that could sleep in a sleeping bag with her girls (Barb and Kim) in the living room. I responded by telling her that I didn’t like “gills”! Anyway, Anne was so good to us four Holman boys that I will always remember her kind heart and laughter. I gave her a well deserved kiss when I said goodbye to her last month. May God bless Barb and Kim and their families.  
Much Love, John and Lois Holman



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**John Holman** - July 28, 2024 at 04:36 PM

KI

Thank you Holman’s! She loved your family so much. If you feel up to it, her celebration/open house is Sunday September 8 at the Corvallis Club from 1:00-4:00

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**kim** - July 29, 2024 at 03:09 PM

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*Annie was a wonderful friend and beloved member of the OSU community. She was always so cheerful, positive, and enthusiastic. We will long remember her and your dad for their friendship and the many contributions they made to our Beaver community. Love, Don and Shirley*

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**Shirley S Wirth** - August 04, 2024 at 04:47 PM

RS

*As OSU basketball manager for 3 seasons (1974-1977), Annie was a godsend for me. I got to see her and her smile just about every day from September to March. I followed a manager legacy and it took this shy, awkward young man some time to learn and grow into the varsity manager role. Annie was always there to help, assist in any way and her basketball office was a sanctuary for me. I always felt good after talking with Annie.*

*I was blessed to get to spend so much time with this angelic lady and cherish many wonderful memories.*

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**Ron Schaudt** - August 16, 2024 at 03:20 PM

HA

*Anne Harper was a dear friend I came to know when I was involved with Bill as a part time scout from 1980 - his retirement. We stayed close until his passing. Anne and Bill stayed close to my wife Sandy and me and I was closer to Bill than I was to my own dad. Bill and Anne had a huge impact on every person who came to know them well. I rejoice at their re-uniting in heaven. Harry Amend*

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**Harry Amend** - December 27, 2024 at 06:06 PM

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*Dear Kim,*

*I recently learned about your mother's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Our families have shared a long history dating back to the days in Roseburg and then Corvallis, with many cherished memories.*

*My thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bob Edison*

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**Bob Edison** - March 18, 2025 at 10:41 PM