



## Arline Thetford

May 31, 1928 - October 27, 2007

Arline May Thetford, 79, passed away Saturday at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.

Arline was born May 31, 1928, in Seattle, Wash., to Cavour Emerson Redfield and Agnes Craig Redfield.

The family moved to Aberdeen, Wash., where Arline's father died suddenly when she was 6. Because her mother was seriously injured in an auto accident, Arline and her three siblings were placed in the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

After the seventh grade, Arline returned to Washington, graduating at the top of her class from Montesano High School in 1946. Shortly after, at a morning church service, she met her future husband, Robert L. Thetford, who was in the U.S. Navy. In 1947, the newly married couple moved to McMinnville to attend Linfield College.

Following college, Arline and Bob lived in various Oregon communities, moving to Corvallis in 1960.

Arline was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her great love was her large family. She and Bob had seven children, two boys and five girls. They lost a son, Richard Mark, when he was 5.

Arline instilled the importance of community service in her children by volunteering as a Sunday school teacher, as chairwoman of FISH, a den mother, room mother, election board chairman, PTA officer, hospital volunteer, blood drive helper, and she was a member of Corvallis Faculty Wives. She

had a life-long passion for sewing and was an expert seamstress.

For many years Arline loved traveling in their RV. The couple visited every state in the union. She hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon twice and rode a mule down twice. They spent many winters in the California desert. Survivors include Bob, her husband of 60 years; children and their spouses, Tom and Gloria Thetford of Salem, Terri and Louie Kennedy of Lebanon, Twyla and Garth Delamarter of Corvallis, Tamsin and Gary Gilbert of Portland, Tina and Jim Chase of McMinnville and Trisha and Doug Ferguson of Eugene; and brother Cavour and wife Dorothy Redfield of Olympia, Wash.

Arline was "Grammy" to Jesse and Katie Thetford, Jean Arline Thetford, Rebecca Sklaris, Alex Sklaris, Jeremy and Judie Delamarter, Curtis and Tina Delamarter, Nick Delamarter, Danielle Delamarter, Jordan Gilbert, Molly Gilbert, Andrew, Jill and Anna Seistrup, Teddy Patana, Cole Ferguson and Carly Ferguson. She welcomed step-grandchildren Liz and Joe Olivares, Ryan and Daisha Chase, Jeff Chase, Brendan Chase, Beau Kennedy and Josh Kennedy. Great-grandchildren are Danen Kennedy, Jazmin, Jevan, Alexis and Aislyn Delamarter and Aliyah Chase.

A celebration of Arline's life will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 1736 Dixon St., Corvallis. Memorial gifts can be made to the VFW National Home in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.