



Audrey Hatch Swygard

June 30, 1921 - December 17, 2014

Audrey's father was Franklin W. Hatch, mother Olive M. Hatch. Home for Audrey was a small farm outside of Jennings, LA where her family stood up against the Huey Long political machine, where cattle were found dead as notice of the family's beliefs. Audrey proved an excellent student serving as a student teacher for many classes while attending high school. Upon graduation from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette in 1942, she began teaching in a single room schoolhouse in Louisiana.

Audrey joined the WACs in February 1943, beginning basic training in Des Moines, IA. She was assigned to Truax Field, in Madison, WI, becoming a sergeant and working in the payroll dept. While there she met Russell W. Maddox Jr., whom she married on May 20, 1944.

After the birth of son Russell, III in 1945 the three were transferred to bases in Texas and Florida. After WWII, they moved to Detroit and then to the University of Illinois, where Audrey worked at the YMCA, while Russ, Jr. completed his doctorate.

In the summer of 1950 the family moved to Corvallis. Son Ken was born in 1953. In 1957 Audrey began teaching 9th grade English at Highland View Junior High, where her annual building of stills was a popular student activity. In 1996 she completed her M ED from OSU. Moving to Corvallis High School in 1972, she continued teaching English until early retirement in 1980.

Following her divorce in 1972, she married Kline R. Swygard, July 1, 1974. They moved in 1981 to Sequim, WA where they built their home. Sequim

served as home base while they wintered in Arizona. They traveled extensively, particularly in Southeast Asia. She learned many new skills, including swimming and golf, evidenced by her hole in one, January 18, 1986 in Cathedral City, AZ. Following Kline's death in 1990 she spent years between Washington and Arizona, returning to Corvallis permanently in 1999. Audrey was very active with the Albany and Corvallis Bridge Clubs, playing duplicate bridge regularly. With the support of many, she completed her life master's rating in 2012. Her friendships were rich and varied including special friendships started many years ago, fellow teachers, bridge players, and members of the Unitarian Universalist Church. Her home, particularly her garden, was constantly and carefully tended. Travels continued, throughout Europe, highlighted by her attendance in 1994, at the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of D Day in Normandy and her appearance on ABC TV. Her focus on others, healthy life, and grace is well remembered. She is survived by her sons Russ Maddox (Candy) Jacksonville, TX and Ken Maddox (George) Eugene, OR; grandchildren Andrea (James) Patton, Aaron (Anna) Maddox, Riley (Haley Tone) Maddox, and Shannon Maddox; 2 great grandchildren; and Ken (Linda) and Don Swygard and the extended Swygard family. Mary Vance was a very special friend and bridge partner. A reception celebrating her life will be held Saturday, January 17, at 2:00 pm at the Corvallis Heart of the Valley Bridge Center, 1931 NW Circle Blvd. (Albertson Mall) Always organized and thoughtful, she left her final wishes and directions in a binder, aptly titled, "Class Canceled, No Make-Up Days".