



## Bernice Elizabeth Rhinehart

April 3, 1924 - December 1, 2014

Bernice was born on April 3, 1924, to Elizabeth and Leslie Walter on the banks of the Alsea River, near Waldport, and passed away quietly on Monday, Dec. 1, in Corvallis.

Bernice attended school in Alsea and Fall Creek; she graduated from Waldport High School in 1942. After graduation, she moved to Chicago, where she married her first husband Keith Beals. They stayed in Chicago until after the war, when they moved back to Alsea. Keith was killed in a logging accident in 1947. Bernice married Tom Rhinehart in 1948. Tom passed away in March 1966.

During her young adult life, Bernice was active in the Alsea Garden Club and the Alsea PTA, while her children were in school. In later life, she enjoyed watching her grandson and great-grandson participate in sporting events in Alsea.

Bernice was preceded in death by her two husbands; parents; and three brothers, Ermine and Robert Walter of Alsea, and Harry Walter of Philomath.

She is survived by her son, Gary and wife Sue, and daughter, Darlene, all of Alsea; three grandchildren, Jeff and David of Alsea, and Tracy of Corvallis; and three great-grandchildren, Keith and Gavin of Alsea, and Whitney of

Corvallis. She is also survived by two brothers, Mel and wife Susan of Hillsboro, and Ray and wife Penny of Waldport.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Alsea Christian fellowship, with a reception to follow. Private graveside services were held earlier at Alsea Cemetery.