



Betty Burchfield Castle

January 3, 1926 - March 31, 2015

Betty Rose Castle was born in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, to Lewis and Zida Thompson, the third child in a family of six children, four of whom continue to reside in Wessington Springs.

Betty is survived by her spouse, Emery Castle, of Corvallis; and children, Rick of Spokane, Washington, Darcey of Vancouver, Washington, and Robert of Beaverton.

In common with many rural young people of that era, Betty was born on a farm and attended a one-room country school. Betty began her professional career during World War II, working in the Pentagon. One of her major responsibilities was typing the morning report for General Hap Arnold, then commander of the U.S. Army Air Force.

Betty, as did her father, loved to dance. She grew up dancing in her dad's arms and, as a young woman, went dancing almost every evening after work. After WWII, Betty lived for a period in Georgia before returning to South Dakota.

In 1954, Betty and her husband, Mason Burchfield, together with young Rick, moved to Seaside. Betty, Mason, Rick and newly born daughter Darcey then moved to Ontario, where son Robert was born. Betty became employed again

after the family settled in Ontario. She achieved supervisory status working for the Employment Division of the State of Oregon. Mason taught in the public schools. Betty, Mason and children were active members of Ontario United Methodist Church.

In 1986 Betty and Mason retired and moved to the Willamette Valley of Oregon. They lived for a year in Salem before settling in Corvallis. Mason lost his life to brain cancer in 1990. In the year 2000, Betty and Emery were wed, and started their married life in Corvallis.

Betty is survived by her children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Corvallis and was active in charitable organizations.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. April 11 at First United Methodist Church, 1165 N.W. Monroe Ave. Memorial contributions in Betty's name can be made to a charity of your choice.