



Betty Dickerson

February 9, 1919 - February 11, 2010

She was the 11th-born and the last living of the 12 children of Sarah McCoy and Samuel Preston Harris of McKeesport, Pa. Survivors include daughters Marilyn Brenner of Salem and Jackie Grattan of Corvallis; grandchildren Dawn Wehe of Juneau, Alaska, Robert Hooven III of Lake View Terrace, Calif., and Sarah Jackson and Brigid Clark, both of Corvallis; and two beloved great-grandsons, Alex and Sean. Her son, Wayne W. Deedrick, preceded her in death.

Along with raising a family, Betty worked as a budget officer for the U.S. Department of the Navy for 20 years, spending six years in Guam, where she took full advantage of travel opportunities. After retiring, she took cruises through the Panama Canal, the inland passage of Alaska, the Bahamas, the Rhine River and twice to Hawaii, and took many side trips to Reno, Nev.; Phoenix, Ariz.; and Pennsylvania.

Betty moved to Mill City in 1978, and then to Salem, where she was a volunteer at the Salem Hospital for 13 years. She bowled on three leagues, played in two pinochle clubs, and belonged to a bunco group. In 2006, when her health began to fail, she moved to Corvallis.

Betty or "Nana," as many knew her, was a kind, loving and genuinely nice person. Her great sense of humor and her smile were always present. She was quick to laugh, and everyone loved her. We will miss her.

Thank you, Benton Hospice Service, for all you did for Betty, with special thanks to Daksha for her kind support. We are grateful to Diane Gay, who

cared for Betty with love and compassion for the last three months, more hours than imaginable. Thank you also, Tanya, Michele, Edith, Linda, Tomoko, Arial and Kylee for providing loving care at the end of Betty's life. You are all truly a blessing.

Please join us in celebrating Betty's life at a luncheon at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Copper Hill, 3170 Commercial St. S.E., Salem.