



Betty McVicar

April 23, 1922 - May 10, 2010

Betty Jane Callahan was born April 23, 1922, in Grand Junction, Colo., the only child of Frank and Esther Callahan.

She moved to Los Angeles, with her parents, and graduated from John C. Fremont High School. It was while she was in high school that she met the boy down the street, Robert W. McVicar. Robert was the only man for her, and they were married for 55 years. They lived in Ventura, Calif., raising their three children, Robert Jr., Marjorie and Bruce, before moving to Corvallis.

Betty enjoyed working as her husband's partner in two Baskin-Robbins ice cream stores. She ran the Corvallis store for many years. After Robert's death in 1996, she filled her life with family, friends and a fitness class three times a week. Into her 80s, she was the star of the class. She was also a loyal Portland Trail Blazers fan.

Betty loved her home and tending her garden. She was ever cheerful, spunky, uncritical and appreciative of everything that life offered. She welcomed change and all things new with a spirit that remained young to the end. She cherished her family and played an important role in all of their lives.

Betty will be greatly missed by her children Robert Jr. (Claire), Marjorie (Andy) Kerr, and Bruce (Barbara); grandchildren Heather (Michael) Ruoss, Sam (Jana) McVicar, Jillian McVicar, Windy (Tim) Duncan, Megan and Matthew McVicar, Jennifer (Jason) Smesrud and Malcolm Jamison; and great-grandchildren Hayley and Morgan Ruoss, Logan and Quinn Smesrud, and Audrey and Natalie Duncan.

A gathering to celebrate her life will take place at 2 p.m. this Saturday, May 22, at Betty's home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to a charity of your choice.