



Betty Jean Reeves

October 21, 1925 - April 14, 2017

Betty was born in Corvallis. She was oldest of two children of Zola and Hazel Bures. She was a descendant of the Bures, Heins, and Zeek Oregon pioneer families. She passed peacefully at home with her family at her bedside after 91 years of life well lived.

Mother married Harold Rictor Sr. in 1942. A short time later she and Harold moved to a small farm in the Irish Bend area 12 miles south of Corvallis with Harold's father Tune and Harold's three boys Harold Jr., Jack, and Larry. Tune (Pop) played an important role in helping a very young mother adjust to her new life. They were life long friends until his death in 1963.

Mother had three more sons; Joe, Dan, and Bob, and adopt her brother-in-law's son Alan (Skip). She cooked, canned, cleaned, washed, folded and ironed clothes for her family of ten. As her boys grew, she worked various jobs in the fields driving heavy equipment and as the field boss for the hoeing crews. She also worked as cashier and meat cutter at Mories Market. In the 1980s and 90s, mother worked at Rictor's Comic Heaven in Corvallis.

After 40 years together, Harold passed away in 1982. Mother married Eugene Reeves in 1988. They later divorced.

Mother was a voracious reader and loved to travel. She and her friend Dick

Nale traveled to Alaska three times with her son Joe and his wife Jane that included a trip to Kodiak Island where they rented an airplane and flew over many Kodiak bears.

Mother was known for her generosity and her ability to make everyone around her smile and laugh. She will be dearly missed.

Betty is survived by her sons Jack (Wanda), Larry (Linda) and Joe (Jane); her friend Dick Nale; 18 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both husbands, her brother Joseph Burres, and her sons Harold Jr. Dan, Bob (Charles) and Skip.

At her request no services will be held. Special thanks to her caregivers Betty Lou, Katana, and Evergreen Hospice for their assistance.