



Beverly Kirkpatrick Johnson

July 11, 1925 - February 14, 2015

In 1925, Beverly Joyce Kirkpatrick was born in Minot, North Dakota.

Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Conrad, Montana, where Beverly spent her childhood years. Up on the Montana Hi-Line she learned to love ice skating and riding the neighbor's horses, and during high school, she worked as a telephone switchboard operator. She attended Montana State University and completed nurse's training at St. Luke's Hospital in Spokane, Washington.

Upon graduation in 1948, she both practiced and taught nursing until her move to Great Falls, Montana, several years later. Here she taught surgical nursing and also met her future husband, Dr. Franklin Johnson of Seattle, Washington. The couple moved to Chicago, Illinois, for Frank's pediatric residency, then moved to Corvallis in 1953. The couple raised four children, and were active in the health community, despite Frank's own health giving them some ups and downs.

Beverly resumed her nursing profession after spending time away to raise children. She loved walking on the beach and watching winter storms roll up the coastline. As she was an Oregon State University football fan to the end, family knew not to phone when a game was being broadcast, nor to wear the wrong colors on game day.

She was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church. Beverly also was a PEO sister, an OSU sorority advisor and a member of the Assistance League of Corvallis.

Beverly was an avid reader, graduating from paper page to Kindle screen at the age of 87. She also regularly played bridge and mahjong. She was involved in the production of two very successful cookbooks, and traveled internationally.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Franklin Johnson; and her oldest son, Kirk Johnson. She is survived by her daughters Lynn (and John) Robertson, and Leigh Ann (and William) Marshall; son, Scott (and Lisa Hervieux) Johnson; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at Grace Lutheran Church, 435 N.W. 21st St., Corvallis. All are welcome. A short reception in the church will follow the service.

The family offers the following suggestions for those interested in making memorial contributions: Grace Lutheran Church, the Assistance League of Corvallis, and Corvallis PEO chapters.

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“ *When my mother passed away Beverly was kind enough to offer a place to stay in her home for my brother & family (from Alaska) who were in Corvallis for the funeral at Grace Lutheran Church. Our family certainly appreciated her generosity at that difficult time.*

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