



Clara Davis

November 6, 1917 - September 3, 2011

Ruby Davis, 93, passed away in her sleep on Saturday, Sept. 3rd with her husband of 72 years by her side.

She was born Nov. 6, 1917 to Synneve Karina Rysdal Schneider and Jaques Schneider at home in Devitt. At age 5, she was trying to save a rabbit and ran in front of her dad's mowing machine. Her foot was almost severed, but Doc Anderson sewed it back on, and she walked on her heel. At age 8, she spent three months at Shriners' Hospital in Portland for more foot surgery and was then able to walk much better.

Ruby attended Summit Grade School and Philomath High School, where, despite her limp, she played varsity basketball. Following high school, she attended beauty school in Salem. On January 1, 1937, she married the love of her life, Cyrus Davis.

The young couple made their home in Blodgett, where they raised six children. Ruby was a homemaker, school bus driver, 4-H club leader and Avon lady; worked on the Board of Elections and Benton County Fair textiles; and was involved in Summit Grange No. 432. She was a member of Blodgett Community Church, where she held several offices and sang in the choir for many years.

She was a great cook, raised beautiful flowers and was a wonderful wife, mom, grandma and great-grandma. Ruby loved the outdoors. Hunting and fishing with her extended family were her favorite experiences over the years. She loved attending all of her children's and grand children's sports and other

activities. Ruby enjoyed a long-dreamed-of trip to Denmark and Norway where she found her mother's Norwegian home and her mothers' relatives. Ruby was preceded in death by sister Elsie Williams; brother Robert Schneider; son Cyrus Davis, Jr.; daughters Sharon Davis, Vickie Davis and Joanne Vangeest and grandsons Matthew Vangeest and Gregory Ellis. She is survived by her husband, Cyrus Edwin Davis; daughters Sandra Davis and Lindy Brown (Don); sons Richard Davis (Peggy), John Davis (Cindy) and Bill Davis; 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Ruby's life will be celebrated at 10 am Friday, Sept. 9th at the Blodgett Community Church. Memorial donations in Ruby's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have the best of memories of my Aunt Ruby who had that unique combination of being a strong and sweet woman. While I know she will be sorely missed, I know the rest of her family as will I will always cherish the memories of times spent blessed by her presence. God Bless!

Doug Scarth - September 09, 2011 at 09:47 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working at the Benton County Fair with Ruby. What a wonderful lady! She was a perfect example of how a woman could be gentle and strong at the same time. I'm so sorry for your loss. May you rejoice in all your memories of such a big and loving family.

Janice Strunk (Robinson) - September 09, 2011 at 01:04 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed seeing Ruby the few times I did. What a great life she lived! :) Her 72 year long marriage is so admirable, especially in today's society. She will be missed.

Ruby Adams - September 07, 2011 at 05:16 PM