



Eldorra Hardin

July 10, 1925 - April 3, 2011

Eldorra Vernice Hardin of Corvallis died Sunday, April 3, at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. She was 85.

She was born to Oscar and Emily Pederson in Lewiston, Idaho. Eldorra graduated from Lewiston High School. She then attended Lewiston Normal College. At the end of World War II, she married her high school sweetheart, Edward Eugene Hardin, on June 30, 1947. They moved to Pullman, Wash., where she supported Edward while he earned his degree in crop science. Edward's job took them to Boise, Idaho, where their daughter, Susan, was born, and then to Yakima, Wash., where their sons, Kent and Scott, were born. They finally settled in Corvallis in 1956, when Edward accepted a job in crop science at Oregon State University. Eldorra received her Bachelor of Education degree from Oregon State.

Eldorra taught in the Corvallis School District for 25 years. She taught second, third and fourth grades at Roosevelt and Harding elementary schools. She was beloved by all of her students, and years later, she would be approached by former students with big smiles and hugs. Eldorra was active in St. Mary's Catholic Church, teaching summer vacation Bible school and helping in the soup kitchen.

Eldorra and Edward traveled throughout the world, visiting China, South America and Europe. Eldorra's family was her greatest joy, and she enjoyed their annual trips to Sunriver, and all of their family vacations. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, in 2000.

Eldorra is survived by her daughter, Susan, and William Rugh of Corvallis; her son Kent E. Hardin of Eugene, and her son Scott and Karin Hardin of Corvallis; her grandchildren Sarah McGinty, Kimberly Rugh, Samuel Hardin and Kelsey Hardin; and one great-grandson, Kamari McGinty. Eldorra's warm smile and loving words will be greatly missed by her family and friends. A funeral Mass will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, April 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Corvallis. Donations can be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis in care of McHenry Funeral Home, Corvallis.

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“*Wow. She was a wonderful woman, like a second mother to me. Ed, Kent, Susan and my friend Scott were her pride and joy. Rest in peace.*”

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