



Eleanor Lobdell

September 1, 1918 - December 14, 2018

Eleanor Banks Lobdell, age 100, of Corvallis, Oregon, died on Friday, December 14, 2018.

It is amazing to think of a life of 100 years. Eleanor was born on September 1, 1918 in Fairfield, Connecticut. She was the daughter of Everett Franklin Banks and Vivian Blackman Banks. Eleanor graduated from Roger Ludlowe High School. She married at the age of 22 to Franklin Sherwood Lobdell on July 16, 1941 in Fairfield, Connecticut after meeting in a Church Youth group. Eleanor and her husband were very fortunate to have lived on a farm that was passed down from her husband's family where she lived happily and enjoyed 50 years of marriage with her husband. Today Eleanor's house is 200 years old and her great grandsons are the sixth generation living there. Eleanor cherished her family life on the farm, spending time at their cottage at Lake Zoar and loved riding horses. She was a lifetime member of Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, and a former member of the Patterson Club and the Fairfield Historical Society. Eleanor was interested in family genealogy and had a passion for art and travel. After her husband passed she spent 12 years traveling all over the United States, Europe, and Canada. Eleanor had a beautiful smile and she attributed that to having lived a great life and the memories of her family and her horses just shined through her. She once said, "I feel like I've been on a long journey."

Eleanor is survived by her daughter Beverly L. Kirsten of Corvallis, OR and five grandchildren; her granddaughter, Laurie Anderson, her husband Richard

and their two children - Evan and Emma of Arden, N.C., her grandson, Geoff Kirsten, his wife Shannon and their two children - Ash and Ayla of Corvallis, OR, her grandson, Cale Tallman, his wife Blaine and their two children - James and William of Fairfield, CT, her grandson, Daryl Tallman of Fairfield, CT, and granddaughter, Lacey Kelly, her husband Matthew of Easton CT, and a sister, Doris B. Fildes of Southbury, CT.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband Franklin, daughter Sherri L. Tallman and four brothers.

Thank you to the Lumina group that cared for Eleanor, they were wonderful! Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice. The McHenry Funeral Home, Corvallis, OR., is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Eleanor Lobdell and I got to know each other as teenagers, growing up with many similar acquaintances and friends in the Greenfield Hill section of Fairfield, CT. We both owned a horse and spent some time riding together on trails maintained by the Fairfield Hunt Club. The Youth Group at the Greenfield Hill Church brought us together socially for weekly services, followed by discussions. After she married Franklin and I married Edward, we stayed in touch, periodically visiting with each other and/or our close relatives. Eleanor loved staying at their summer cottage on Lake Zoar in Southbury, CT. My father had a summer cottage nearby so we could enjoy swimming, water skiing and boating with our children. We always recalled so many wonderful memories of those years at Lake Zoar.

When you get the privilege of living into your nineties, so many friends are no longer around. Eleanor and I always enjoyed talking about "old times". I will miss calling Eleanor on the phone once a month to reminisce.

Mildred Duhigg

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“ I just knew Eleanor for a brief time, but we became friends. She was a truly nice, caring and thoughtful woman - I was so lucky to have crossed paths with her.

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