



Eleanor Smith Williams

April 5, 1934 - March 14, 2009

Eleanor Smith Williams, 74, of Corvallis, died Saturday at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Born April 5, 1934, she was the second-youngest of five children to Coke B. Smith Sr. and Emily Labbe of Alexandria, La.

Eleanor was an elementary school teacher, who later served on the Board of Trustees for Hartville, Ohio, and for many years acted as the voting registrar for Hartville Township.

Her passions were her family and all things aesthetic. Among her many talents was working in many art mediums, including leaded glass work, painting, stitchery and gardening.

Eleanor was a nurturer and lover of the Earth. She possessed a lovely temperament and was a cheerful, loving and devoted wife, mother, sister and friend. Her positive outlook, supportive nature and sense of fun were appreciated and will be missed by those she leaves behind.

She was preceded in death in 2003 by her husband, Willard Williams; and in 2005 by her brother, Barry Smith. Eleanor leaves behind her siblings, Marion O'Brien, Coke B. Smith Jr. and Edward Smith; her loving daughters, Melanie Barrett and her husband, David, Lisa Little and her husband, Frank, Julie Barrett and her husband, Michael, together with stepson, David Williams and his wife, Arlene, and stepdaughter, Patrice Theken; her grandchildren Allison and Jennifer Theken, Erin Riley, Lauren White and her husband, Neal, Andrew Barrett and his wife, Diana, and Colin Barrett; and great-grandchildren Devin Elijah White and Kensington Elle Barrett.

A local service will be at 3 p.m. today at the McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis.

A second celebration of her life and interment will take place Saturday, April 4, in her former hometown of Hartville, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks well-wishers to make donations to the organization in which Eleanor was the most active: Corvallis Senior Citizens Center, 2601 N.W. Tyler Ave.; Corvallis, OR 97330; (541) 766-6959.