



Elizabeth Howe

August 6, 1925 - February 22, 2011

Born in Sheboygan, Wis., to Adolph and Emma Nelson, Elizabeth was the eldest of four children, and is survived by brother Richard Nelson and sister Birdie Waldoch, both of Wisconsin. She was predeceased by her sister Mona. She attended school in Neenah, Wis. Upon completion, she moved to California, where jobs were plentiful. There she met and married Manley Howe, who predeceased her in 1993. They had two children. They moved to Oregon in 1964, and were longtime residents of Blodgett before moving to Corvallis. For the past 14 years, she was the personal partner of Jim Coffin, who passed away last June.

Known to her friends as Beth, she was a strong supporter of her family, friends and community. Always cheerful, she was energetic and positive in her approach to life. She founded The Workhorse in Philomath, and was a member of the Philomath Chamber of Commerce.

She enjoyed her volunteer work, and was a strong believer in community, serving on the Linn-Benton Community College board of directors and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library board of directors. Most notably, she was among the group who raised money for Philomath Rural Health Care, which became Philomath Family Medicine. She considered this one of her life's greatest achievements.

Elizabeth Howe passed away Feb. 22 at her home. She was 85. She is survived by her son, Wesley Howe of Salem; daughter, Vicki Avery of Dallas; granddaughter, Kalady Avery; two great-grandchildren, Riley and Maya Saiki;

and niece, Mary Martin of Portland.

A celebration of her life will take place at 2 p.m. March 4 at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis. Gifts in her memory can be made to the First Presbyterian Church, the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library or Benton Hospice Service.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Vickie and Wesley We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your families. We know you will miss your mom dearly but know she is in a better place. May the many positive memories you have of her give you comfort today and in the years ahead. With Love
Pamela and Kevin Rose Salem, OR*

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