



Florence Brett

December 20, 1922 - January 30, 2013

Florence Willette Brett of Corvallis died on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice Center after a brief illness. She recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Florence was born in Fort Benton, Mont., completed her nursing degree in Great Falls, Mont., and worked as a registered nurse there until she met and married Bob in 1946.

For the next 25 years, she was a U.S. Air Force wife, managing the household and raising five children, following Bob's far-flung postings, moving 13 times, including guiding her four children between the ages of 2 and 7 through the required inoculations and documentation for a move to Tachikawa, Japan, via a very slow ship.

At each stop, she made a new home for her family, getting children settled in school, establishing routine, returning to work as an RN when necessary and possible, providing support to her husband and fulfilling all the social and other obligations of a military officer's wife. Upon Bob's retirement, the family settled in Klamath Falls, later moving to Olympia, Wash., and returning to Corvallis in 1999.

Upon her death, Florence rejoined Bob, her husband of 60 years; her son Capt. Robert A. Brett Jr. (Lefty); and grandson Matthew Coven, who went ahead of her.

She is survived by her son Michael (Christine); daughters Cindy Gulledge (John) and Melissa Coven (Gary); son Joe (Peggy); 12 grandchildren; and 20

great-grandchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary will take place at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 N.W. 25th St., Corvallis, OR 97330, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at Oak Lawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Arkansas Chapter of the Children's Tumor Foundation, P.O. Box 7262, Little Rock, AR 72217; the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 9320 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Suite 350, Portland, OR 97219; or the charity of your choice.

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“ Dear family of Florence, I am sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is never an easy thing to cope with no matter their age. But you can take some solace in knowing that Florence lived a long life and was able to experience many things few people ever will. You can also take solace in knowing that you have the opportunity to see Florence again. The Bible promises at John 5:28 and 29, "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which those in the memorial tombs will hear his [Christ's] voice and come out." I hope this message is of some consolation.

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