



Frances G. Starks

November 14, 1922 - June 3, 2013

Frances “Gerry” Starks, 90, of Corvallis died Monday at the Regency in Albany.

Gerry was born Nov. 14, 1922, in Clarksburg, W.V. She was the daughter of a Nazarene pastor, Wayne Claire Jones, and Hazel Blanch Lemon Jones. She was raised in Grafton and moved to Corvallis in 1942. On June 25, 1942, she married Arthur Starks in Corvallis.

She worked for 30 years as a lab assistant in the Food Science Department of Oregon State University. Gerry was privileged to work on the team that developed many well-known products, including Tang and maraschino cherries.

In her leisure time, she enjoyed swimming, music and reading — especially her Bible. She made it a point to read her Bible in its entirety once a year. She was a blessing to her family, and will be remembered as a Godly woman with a kind heart and gentle spirit.

Gerry was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, who died in 2005; her son James Arthur; her parents; her brother James Jones; and her sisters Betty Breedlove and Margaret Jilbert. She is survived by her son Larry Starks; daughter Linda Olds; brother David Jones; sister Martha Hendershot;

grandchildren Jimmy, Karen, Shawn, Kevin, Tyler and Darrin; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations in Gerry's name can be directed to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation or the Heart Foundation in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

A celebration of life is set for 3 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 3:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
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Corvallis, OR 97330
(541) 757-8141
info@mchenryfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Linda & Larry. Please accept my apology as I was out of town and not able to attend the service for your mother. However, I do remember "Jerry" as our mother called her. They were close friends as well as coworkers in the Food Tech Department for years, and I am sure you recall we were neighbors for years. I remember her and your father in a good way, their lovely flowers and yard, and smiles and warmth in their neighboring. I know their loving family was ever so important to them. Be well, Tom & Sue Guss

Thomas O. Guss - June 28, 2013 at 04:39 PM

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“ Larry & Linda: I'm sorry I can't attend your mother's service. We had a wonderful friendship from our cheery days at Food Tech Dept, to the many sidewalk visits on her walks by my Fillmore house. She was a special lady, and I love the smiling photo you've posted of her. With Love, Judy Krueger

Judy Krueger - June 07, 2013 at 11:30 AM