



Frances S. VanZyl

August 17, 1920 - December 29, 2015

Frances S. VanZyl was welcomed into the kingdom of heaven on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

Frances was born August 17, 1920 in Springfield, South Dakota to Anna and Dirk Renzema where their family grew to seven children, 5 brothers and two sisters. During the Dust Bowl, this farming family relocated to Ashland, Oregon where Frances met and married Ralph VanZyl on September 12, 1940.

In 1942, Frances and Ralph moved to Redmond and then Corvallis and raised their family of three - Phyllis, Roger and Dennis. She enjoyed cooking with the fruit and vegetables harvested from her own large garden each year. Her yard was ablaze with brilliant colors generated by the dahlias, bearded iris and rhododendrons she tended each year. Frances was dedicated to all generations of her family - parents, six siblings, three children, two grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Holidays were a special joy to her with many Thanksgivings and Christmas Eves spent round her ever expanding table. Frances was also strong in her faith and was a founding member of the Corvallis Calvin Presbyterian Church. Known as a hard worker, Frances tended her home and garden while also supplementing the family income working in production plants.

Frances was preceded in death by husband Ralph, daughter Phyllis, infant son Donald, brothers Ray, Orville, John, and Milton, and sister Grace.

She is survived by sons Roger (Gail) and Dennis (Sunny), sister Doris Laver, granddaughters Priscilla Darras and Jeannette Varay, and grandson Roy Starbeck, as well as eight great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, January 4, 2016 at Corvallis Calvin Presbyterian Church, followed by a reception and private burial.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Calvin Presbyterian Church in her honor, sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

Calvin Presbyterian
1736 NW Dixon St.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

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“ One of my favorite memories was when we stayed at grams over the summer. Every Saturday night after bath time we would sit in front of grams on the floor while she would do pin curls in our hair for church the next morning. She always took care come Sunday morning to take the bobby pins out and comb out into a perfect curl as much as my very straight hair would allow.

Granddaughter Priscilla

Priscilla - January 02, 2016 at 09:06 AM