



Geertruida Kempees

April 4, 1924 - July 17, 2012

Truus was born in the Hague, Netherlands to Jan H.P. Essers and Johanna A. L. Franke Kempees. She joined an older brother Pieter. Her teen years were spent in Holland during World War II. She graduated from school and studied to be a pharmacy assistant in the days when pharmacists still made many of their own medicines and pills. After the war she met and married John B. Kempees, a member of the Royal Dutch Navy. Their first child, Nicoline was born and they were transferred to Indonesia where a second daughter, Marijke was born. The family transferred back to Holland and in 1954 emigrated to America. Truus had a son, Hans who was born in Fresno, Ca. In 1959 she became a proud American citizen. Truus's stepson Jack Kempees joined the family and they all came to Corvallis. Her youngest daughter Ingrid was born here.

Truus was a caring person and her occupations showed that. She spent time as an aide taking care of others at Olson's Nursing Home for several years and then was hired at Good Samaritan Hospital doing what she loved most! She got to take care of newborn babies. She loved babies so much that after she retired she volunteered by making many pairs of tiny booties for preemies.

During her years in Fresno and Corvallis she volunteered with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Good Samaritan Hospital, and the Red Cross.

Truus was preceded in death by her husband, John, her son Hans and her stepson Jack.

Truus is survived by Nicoline (and Jim) Jones of Corvallis, Marijke Kempees Cook (husband Bryan, deceased) of Richland, WA., and Ingrid (and Ed) Burghardt of San Pablo, CA., grandchildren Katherine Hennessy, Mark Jones, Brian Jones, Amy Jones, Kelsey Cook, Dierdre Cook, Seth Cook, Justin Cook, Ryan Burghardt, Andrena Burghardt, Jeannine DeBray, and Lauren Harris. Truus was also survived by four great grandchildren: Fiona, Johanna, and Thomas Hennessy and Ursula DeBray.

A private memorial service will be planned for later.