



Geneva M.

September 17, 1926 - April 18, 2008

Geneva M. "Ginger" Cox, 81, died Friday, April 18, at home with her daughters by her side. She was a positive force and a tremendous inspiration to her family and her many friends through the course of her illness. She was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Ginger was born at home in Mt. Vernon, Wash., and was the only child of Philip A. Burgess and Nellie E. Iles Burgess.

After graduating from high school, she sold fine jewelry, learning a great deal about the trade. She loved to go to the United Service Organization dances during World War II as was the custom of the time.

When she was 20 years old, she moved with her family to Medford, where she met and married the love of her life, Lewis J. "Louie" Cox, on March 20, 1947, after a 3-month courtship. Ginger and Louie were best friends and enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and raising their two daughters together.

During the years before she retired to Brookings, Ginger owned and operated a variety store in Central Point. She also sold real estate. She and Louie worked side by side, building several homes in which the family lived. She was quite adept with a hammer and nails as well as being the architect. However, her main and most important job title was wife and mother. Ginger and Louie were married just three months shy of 50 years when Louie passed away in 1996.

Ginger moved to Corvallis in the autumn of 1997, where she began a new phase in her life. She quickly became involved with Corvallis Newcomers

Club, serving as president for one year and volunteering in other capacities. She especially enjoyed her Newcomers Book Club. She became a member of St. Mary's Church and volunteered her time embroidering infant baptismal garments. She was a volunteer for the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, at one time working coffee cart and assisting in the puppet shows. She particularly enjoyed her Friday afternoons working in the Good Sam Gift Shop.

A creative woman, Ginger enjoyed oil painting and pine needle basket weaving. She was an avid reader and loved puzzles, never missing the daily crossword and sudoku. Molly, her little dog, was a faithful companion for the past ten years.

Ginger is survived by her daughters, Susan Schnebly of Corvallis and Pamela Coulter of Gold Hill; sons-in-law Larry Schnebly and Joe Coulter; four grandchildren, Joshua Alter, Elizabeth Schnebly Hayward, Samantha Alter Zahniser and David Schnebly; and was known as "GG" to great-grandchildren James, Levi, Grace, Avery and Bella Geneva.

A funeral service will be at 11a.m. Monday, April 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Benton Hospice Services, 2350 N.W. Professional Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Geneva M.*

Michelle Irons & Jeff Smith - May 07, 2008 at 02:16 PM

HF

“ *Dear Susan and family, I am thankful that I had the pleasure of knowing Ginger while she lived here in Corvallis. I will miss her sweet sparkly smile but have many fond memories of her. Take care, Love, Helen*

Helen Flint - April 23, 2008 at 09:43 PM

DB

“ *Dear Susan,
Extending my condolences to you and your family.
Diana Bernstein*

Diana Bernstein - April 23, 2008 at 08:21 PM

DS

“ *Sue and Pam, I have such wonderful memories of your Mother and your Father. Your Mom was jewel. She was always so kind and always had that sweet smile and such a kind hearted person. Your Mom contributed so much of herself and she had a full filling life. I know how much she loved you girls as your daddy did. I was sad to see that she had passed and I know how hard it is to loose your mom. My thoughts truely are with you both and your families. I really loved your mom she holds a special place in my heart. Debbie Saxbury*

debbie saxbury - April 23, 2008 at 01:14 PM

BH

“ *Pam & Sue, Sorry for the loss of your mother. I have good memories of all of us kids running around the old neighborhood.*
Becky DeArmond Hilkey

Becky Hilkey - April 23, 2008 at 12:16 PM