



## Geraldine Giles

May 24, 1920 - December 31, 2009

Geraldine June "Jeri" Giles, a longtime Corvallis area resident, died of age-related natural causes on Dec. 31, 2009, at her home in West Hills Assisted Living Community. She was 89 years old.

She was born on May 24, 1920, at home near Halsey to Charles J. and Mary Louise Straley. She was raised with her sister, Elaine, and her brother, Lowell. Jeri grew up in Halsey, and graduated from Halsey High School in 1937. She married Robert N. Giles on Sept. 27, 1942. They were together for 62 years before he passed in December 2004. They moved to Corvallis in 1947, and in 1949 purchased their home on Highway 34, where they lived and raised their family. He was a printer who worked for the Corvallis Gazette-Times, and later owned his own printing business.

Jeri was a homemaker and a wonderful cook. She also worked several years at the Women's Building at Oregon State University. She loved family gatherings and camp-outs, horseback riding and the many trips she and Bob took to South Dakota. In her later years she enjoyed creating greeting cards for her family and friends on her computer.

She is survived by her sister, Elaine Davis, of Roseburg; and four children, Robert D. (and Sharon) Giles of Eugene, Dennis (and Peggy) Giles of Corvallis, Candis Giles of Corvallis, and Sheri (and Harvey) McDaniel of Na'alehu, Hawaii. Jeri was blessed with 14 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren and hundreds of faithful teddy bears.

Viewing will be 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis. The funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Halsey Methodist Church in Halsey, with interment to follow at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Benton Hospice Service or the charity of your choice. The family also wishes to thank all Jeri's caregivers, and especially everyone who was in any way involved in the final days of her long and fruitful life.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Bob & Sharon, Dennis & Peggy, Candis, and Sheri & Mac. I know you have suffered a great loss. I too thought the world of Jeri and loved her very much. She was always great to me and I am proud to have been able to give her 4 of her beautiful grandchildren. I know she was very tired and really wanted to be with Bob and now they are at home together again. My love to you all, NORMA

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**Norma Williams** - January 06, 2010 at 07:09 PM

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“ Our condolences to the family. May you have good memories for comfort, and family and friends for support to help you through these tough times. Aunt Jeri is with her soulmate and at peace, but she will always live on in our memories - memories that bring a smile of a life lived long and with much love. Love, Nancy, Mark and Sarah

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**Nancy Gates** - January 05, 2010 at 11:49 AM