



Gloria Crandall

July 26, 1935 - June 26, 2012

Gloria Lee Crandall was born in Glen Burnie, Md., the older daughter of Jeannette Munson Crandall and Clarence Crandall. She died Tuesday, June 26, at the Evergreen Home in Corvallis, of complications of Alzheimer's disease.

She lived in Glen Burnie until she went to Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia in Fredericksburg, Va., receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology in 1961. She was known at MWC as a very talented musician, excelling on the saxophone and drums, organizing her own jazz band that played at many college and community events. She was president of the MWC Marching Band and played in the symphony.

A graduate of the Baltimore Police Academy, she worked as a policewoman in Baltimore from 1958 to 1961. She then worked as a child welfare worker in Loudoun County, Va., and as a juvenile probation counselor and supervisor of other juvenile probation counselors in Arlington County, Va., from 1961 to 1973.

In all jobs, she was known as an advocate for those without a voice, and performed with a balance of toughness and compassion. Years after leaving child welfare and juvenile probation positions, she still heard from kids in trouble whom she'd helped.

In 1974, she completely changed careers and became an accomplished lapidary and metalsmith, designing and manufacturing beautiful jewelry, specializing in sterling silver and semiprecious stones. From 1976 to 1984 she

owned and managed Down to Earth, a store in Annapolis, Md., selling her own jewelry and lapidary and metalsmithing equipment, tools and inventory. In 1984, she and her family relocated to Corvallis, where she worked in the development program of the Oregon State University College of Home Economics, subsequently the College of Home Economics and Education. She retired from this position in 1999.

Gloria suffered for years from the ravages of Alzheimer's disease. For most of this time she was cared for at home, but she lived in Timberwood Court Memory Care Community in Albany for 18 months and spent the last two months of her life at the Evergreen Home, a part of Bridges Enterprise.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, an older stepsister and her adopted sister, Harriett Ann Green. She is survived by her longtime friend and companion, Kinsey Bass Green of Corvallis; a sister, Judith Hollister and her family, of Glen Burnie; and all the Bridges Enterprise staff and residents who loved her.

A celebration of Gloria's life will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at 525 N.W. Mountain Laurel Circle. If needed, call 541-908-3489 or 541-760-4469 for directions.

Memorial contributions should be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to Benton Hospice Service in care of McHenry Funeral Home, which is handling final arrangements. Appreciation is expressed to Benton Hospice staff; the Evergreen House staff, especially Tina Eveleth, manager, and to caregivers Vicki, Sherrie, Chelsea and Deanna; and to Timberwood staff Kathi, Kitty and Jamie for their compassionate support.