



Grace Donehower

November 19, 1915 - November 3, 2007

Grace Mildred Donehower, resident of Corvallis, died Saturday.

She was born in Lidgerwood, N.D., on Nov. 19, 1915, to Ross Floyd Donehower and Minnesota May Babcock.

She attended Lidgerwood High School, and in 1937 graduated from Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D. She did her graduate studies at American University and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

During World War II, she served 18 months with the American Red Cross as a recreation supervisor for several hospitals in Naples, Italy. Following the war, her intense interest in young people was developed during six years doing teaching and school administration in both Fargo and LaMoure, N.D. She later moved to Muncie, Ind., to become the executive director of the Girl Scouts.

In the early 1950s Grace's career with the Girl Scouts led her to take a similar position in Reno, Nev. She became affiliated with the University of Nevada in an advisory capacity, and eventually served as assistant dean of continuing education and dean of independent study. She retired in 1981.

Grace had numerous affiliations with service organizations including the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and Soroptimist Federation of America. She held both national and regional offices in these organizations.

In retirement, Grace also resided at her lake home near Grass Valley, Calif. She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Floyd of Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Clifford of St. Paul, Minn., and a sister, Florence of Milwaukee, Wis. She

is survived by her sister, Bernice D. Arico of Springfield, Va., as well as many, many nieces, grandnieces, nephews and grandnephews, all who remember Grace with fond and loving memories.

A graveside service is scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Mountain View Cemetery in Reno, Nev. Local arrangements by McHenry Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm very sad to hear of Aunt Grace's passing. My prayers and thoughts are with the family. Being close friends with John, Aunt Grace became part of my family as well. I will miss visiting with her at the many birthday and holiday events we shared together. A few years ago I was blessed enough to watch Grace and sister Bunny share a wonderful time together on Bunny's visit to Oregon. You could see the joy in Grace's face watching the sisters together. Grace was always concerned for other when she learned about my daughter's illness and always made a point to ask me how Courteney was doing. Grace was a wonderful person and I will miss her.

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