



Helen Florence DoBias

May 8, 1921 - March 27, 2013

Helen DoBias of Corvallis died Wednesday, March 27, at Corvallis Manor, at the age of 91.

She considered Corvallis Manor home her last six years, and loved the staff like family.

She was born in New York City to Johanna (Ossmann) and Michael Balestrieri. Before marrying Helen's father, Johanna ("Honey") was previously married to Fischera, and they had two sons, Joseph and John.

Honey died in 1923, and Helen was raised by her Aunt Mary and Uncle Paul Ossmann in New Jersey with their children as one of the family, and used the name of Helen Ossmann until her marriage. Mary Clark Ross Kohl Ossmann and her daughter, Margaret Kohl (Giery), survived the 1918 flu before Mary married Paul Ossmann. Children of Paul and Mary Ossmann were Agnes Mary (Reinhardt), John Paul and William Charles.

Helen's favorite member of the household was Mary's Scottish mother, "Granny Ross." Helen was the last survivor of all the siblings.

Helen Ossmann worked as a secretary throughout her life. In 1946 she married Paul Jerome Tanner, and they had two boys, Ralph Paul (Carol) and

Donn Richard (Jinny). The family moved from New Jersey to Colorado, Maryland and Ohio.

In 1970 in Ohio, Helen married widower Frank DoBias, who had three children who became Helen's stepchildren: Ronetta, Ronnie and Nancy DoBias Mihelin (Ed). Helen and Frank moved to Florida. Frank died in 1990, and in 1995 Helen moved to Corvallis.

Helen had two granddaughters, Jessica (Tanner) Tennant and Kelley Tanner; four step-grandchildren, Kenton, Alina, Erica and Mark, all of whom she was very proud of; and one great-grandson, Jonathan Tennant, the greatest joy in her last months. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild, as well as nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren.

At this time no public services are planned. Arrangements are through McHenry Funeral Home.

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Helen loved her dog, Heidi.

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