



Helen Yetter Frad Marks

November 18, 1914 - December 23, 2011

Helen Grace Yetter Frad Marks peacefully passed away December 23, 2011, in Corvallis, Oregon, accompanied by close family and clergy, at the age of 97.

Born to Oscar and Grace Yetter 1914 in Miller, South Dakota, Helen was the youngest of 5 children. After graduating from high school in Rockham, SD, she worked for a time at the State Attorney's office in Faulkton, SD.

In 1937, she was one of many, including her fiancé, Kenneth Frad, to leave the dust bowl of the mid-west for Oregon, settling in Salem. Later that year Helen and Kenneth were married. He died in 1966. In 1975, she married Stephen C. Marks, who died in 1997. After living in Salem, Silverton, and Portland Helen and Ken moved to Corvallis in 1954 where they became the owners of Spotless Cleaners and later Frad's One Hour Martinizing. Helen took an active part in the business, putting her bookkeeping abilities to good use. She could add a column of figures faster than adding on a calculator. As a member of the Corvallis Country Club, Helen was dedicated to the game of golf and enjoyed it well into retirement. She also took up ballroom dancing and participated in the Spinning Antlers Square Dance Club. During her lifetime she traveled to the Orient, Hawaii, Europe and Australia. She was one of the founding members of the Corvallis Altrusa Club and was president of the club in 1972. Helen was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and, in retirement, was a member of the OSU Folk Club.

Children (in order of date of birth, and their spouses) include Cheryl Frad

Longshore (Glen) and step children Stephen J. Marks (Joan), Gregory Marks (Darlene), Teresa Marks, Stuart Marks (Sara), and Gary Marks(Kim). She had 9 Grandchildren, 12 Great grandchildren and many well-loved nieces and nephews. Helen was also predeceased by her sisters Mildred Yetter, Mabel, Sohrt, Dorothy Miller, and brother Donald Yetter.

A Memorial Service will be held at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis, Oregon, on Tuesday, January third, at ten in the morning. Private interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Altrusa International of Corvallis Foundation, the Corvallis First United Methodist Church, or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am sorry to have missed Helen's service. We were Sanctuary Choir members for many years, especially when Janie Knox was director. Helen usually sang tenor, seated right behind me in the alto section. She was a delightful and competent person. My condolences to Cheryl & family. Judy Krueger*

Judy Krueger - January 04, 2012 at 02:13 PM

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“ *Great aunt Helen always had a kind word, a sweet smile and a genuine interest in the comings and goings of my life. She will be missed.*

Debbie Flickinger - December 30, 2011 at 05:05 PM