



Ina May Franklin

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Ina May Franklin, 90, of Corvallis passed away Saturday, September 19, 2015.

She was born March 29, 1925 to Ewart and Violet Sorensen in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She was raised by her mother after her father passed away when she was in the 5th grade.

She worked as a telephone operator during WWII.

While visiting her grandparents in Willamina, Oregon at age 16, she met her future husband, Paul Franklin. They married in 1945 in Vancouver, Washington, while Paul was on leave during WWII, and before he was to be shipped to the Pacific.

They went to Pittsburg, California. While there the war ended, and he was discharged.

They moved to Corvallis in the spring of 1946, when Paul went to work for Standard Oil. They moved to Albany and back to Corvallis, where Ina May stayed home to raise their family. After the youngest started school, she volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital.

In 1976, she began working in the billing office at the hospital and retired in 1989.

When Paul retired a year later, Ina May and Paul began traveling. They

enjoyed many reunions with the Timberwolves (Paul's outfit during WWII). Their travels included trips across country and Hawaii, returning to Europe for the 50th reunion of WWII, cruises to the Panama Canal and Alaska, and trips to Ina May's favorite place away from home, Puerto Rico.

They were avid square and round dancers with the Corvallis Squares for over 50 years.

Paul and Ina May recently celebrated 70 wonderful years of marriage. She was a very beautiful lady inside and out and will be missed by her family friends and all that knew her.

She is survived by her husband Paul, her children Mike (Elaine) Franklin of Brentwood, Tennessee, Tim (Phyllis) Franklin of Albany, Oregon, John (Kathy) Franklin of Hillsboro, Oregon, Melinda (Jim) Paz of Springfield, Oregon, Ginny (Gary) Ryan of Salem, Oregon, and Glenn (Colisse) Franklin of Corvallis, Oregon, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, September 24th at McHenry Funeral Home. Private burial will take place at Willamette National Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall



“ McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ina May Franklin



McHenry Funeral Home - October 07, 2015 at 04:10 PM

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The love Ina May had for her family, and them for her is so evident in this video. Such a beautiful, caring family. What a shining example of how to lead a beautiful life she left for us to follow. Teresa Barron Duncan Lucky to have been her niece

Teresa Barron Duncan (Niece) - October 12, 2015 at 09:50 AM

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“ So many fond memories of Ina May, Paul, and all my cousins growing up, and as grown ups. The love you have for your mother was extraordinary. As was hers for her entire family. She was always such a gracious lady, and always so cool. Never once in my 64 years (I knew her 1 month less than John), did I ever hear her be negative. She set such an example for all of us on how to live a good life. My children loved the holidays at your house as they were growing up. Great memories, great times, greatest Aunt anyone could have asked for. Loved her and always will. Teresa Barron Duncan



Teresa Barron Duncan (Niece) - October 12, 2015 at 10:21 AM

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“ *What a great lady. Loved her dearly. Ina May's passing alters the fabric of our lives, but the wonderful contribution she made to all lives on forever. She will be greatly missed. Jean Schwynoch & Dee*

Jean Schwynoch & Dee - September 27, 2015 at 04:30 PM

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“ *Al Felde and myself met Paul and Ina May through square dancing. They were a wonderful couple and she was a delight to know. Our thoughts and prayers go out the family...Sandy Harris*

sandy harris - September 24, 2015 at 03:18 PM

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“ *We will be with Ina May's family in spirit tomorrow and regret not being able to express our condolences in person. Ina May, Paul and their children were exceptional role models for me, my family and my husband, John Rugh, as we were growing up in Corvallis,. My sister, Kathrine, and I started babysitting for the children when we were about 14 and 13 respectively; I continued babysitting for them until I married John Rugh in late 1961. Kathrine and I were able to attend one of their milestone anniversaries and see the children as adults in recent years. We are so happy we had an opportunity to share that celebration with the family. The Taylor and Rugh families send our love to Paul, the children and the grandchildren. May Ina May's sparking personality and wonderful smile give all of you comfort as you adjust to this new chapter of your lives. With love thoughts to all of you, Annie (Taylor) and John Rugh.*

Annie Rugh - September 23, 2015 at 08:49 PM

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“ *Our sincerest condolences to Ina May's family. My husband, Kirby Goode, worked for Paul at the gas station many years ago. We danced with Ina May and Paul for many years and have many wonderful memories. We thank God for sharing this beautiful soul with us. May your memories of this wonderful lady buoy you, and may God grant you comfort and peace. In His Love, Christina Corelli and Kirby Goode*

Christina Corelli and Kirby Goode - September 23, 2015 at 03:34 PM