



Janice M Engle

February 12, 1922 - February 9, 2015

Janice Engle, born Janice Valeir Moon, arrived on a “happy snow” day on Feb. 12, 1922, in Salem, and peacefully passed away, surrounded by her family, on a stormy evening in Corvallis, a mere three days short of her 93rd birthday.

An extension of a rich Oregon family history, Janice was reared in La Grande with her sister, Helen Jean, by parents Antoinette and Harry Moon. She attended Eastern Oregon College for two years and then transferred to Oregon State College, where she met John (Jack) Engle, sparking a lifelong romance. Janice graduated from OSC in 1943 in home economics and married Jack on June 20, 1944.

Together they reared five children in Corvallis, Alicejean Sutey (Tony), twins Jane Winger (Bob) and John Engle Jr. (Sally), Bill Engle (Nancy) and Betsy Henschel. Janice was adored by her 11 grandchildren, Lisa, Anjanette, Elisa, Josh, Emily, Jonathan, Jesse, Harrison, Molly, Sarah and Anna, as well as her six great-grandchildren, Helena, Dawson, Brooklyn, Kaeda, Jaclyn and Benjamin. She was a second-generation Beaver and reared another generation, who in turn reared a fourth generation.

Janice was tirelessly involved in family and community activities, volunteering in Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls and PTA, and more than 50 years at the OSU Folk Club Thrift Shop and her church, as well as holding an unbroken lifetime

voting record. She belonged to many organizations including PEO (DQ), the Garden Club and the Bridge Club. She worked at the OSU Bookstore.

Even with a large and active family, she always made room at the family table for foreign students at the university who couldn't travel home for holidays, and hosting an American Field Service high school student from Thailand for a year; Cha became a member of the family.

Janice strove to instill order and proper manners in the household. Yet, with a bemused twinkle in her eye, she often gave way to the antics and banter among her husband and children that filled the home with love, fun and laughter.

A lover of books, birds and the BBC, Janice often could be found tracking the weather from her dining room window and watching the squirrels clowning on the deck. Janice was a loyal and knowledgeable supporter of OSU sports and a champion of the English bulldog to win the Westminster Dog Show.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, loving friend and selfless member of the community, Janice will be dearly missed by all.

Remembrances can be made to the John and Janice Engle Memorial Scholarship Fund through the OSU Foundation or the Congregational church. A memorial service celebrating Janice's life and legacy is planned for 1 p.m. April 11 at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 S.W. West Hills Road in Corvallis.

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about Janice.....I will be in Oregon Feb. 18-23, and had talked with Barbara Short about meeting up with Janice. So much enjoyed the whole family as neighbors and friends.....and Janice worked for me at the bookstore. One of my most favorite "Moms".

Thinking of you all! I'm still in Lincoln, Nebraska, where I've been now for 17 years.

Stan Selfridge

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