



Jaunita DiOrio

March 2, 1923 - June 30, 2008

Longtime Corvallis resident Juanita DiOrio died peacefully at home with family present Monday evening.

Nita was born Dora Juanita Foltz in Lantry, S.D., to Guy and Gertrude Stayton Foltz on March 2, 1923. She graduated in 1940 from Custer High School, where she participated in Glee Club. She later attributed her language and spelling skills to her study of Latin.

In 1941, she married Ralph DiOrio. They lived in Spearfish, S.D., and Montana, then moved to Oregon in 1945. In 1951, the couple came to Corvallis where they owned and operated Campus Shoe Repair and Family Shoe Service until their retirement in 1972. After 41 years of marriage, Ralph died in 1982.

Nita was an active member of Corvallis Rose Society for many years, often working in the rose garden at Avery Park. She enjoyed her passion for gardening and proudly sharing her flowers and produce.

She is survived by her son and daughter, Joe and Toni; four grandchildren, Marisa, Dena, Chris and Nic; her sister, Mary Louise Somppi; and nephews, Jim and Don Somppi.

Services will be Monday, July 7, at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis. Visitation with family begins at 12:30 p.m. with a celebration of Nita's life at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Grant and Witham, Corvallis.

Memorial contributions in Nita's name can be made to Benton Hospice

Service or Corvallis Rose Society.