



## Jessie Mae Hunnicutt

June 6, 1923 - July 26, 2016

Jessie Mae Hunnicutt of Corvallis passed away July 26, 2016, at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Albany. She was 93.

Jessie was born in Mitchell, Oregon, the youngest child of Irving Hamilton Jones and Rhoda Elizabeth Stout. When she was 4, the family moved to a farm in Independence where she grew up, graduating from Independence High School in 1940 and receiving a teaching certificate from Oregon College of Education in 1943, after which she taught first grade in Pendleton.

July 22, 1944, Jessie married Alan Hunnicutt, her high school sweetheart, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They had three weeks together before Alan left for Europe with the 290th combat engineers. Jessie returned to Oregon to teach first grade in Forest Grove.

From 1945-1947, Alan and Jessie lived in Tacoma while Alan was stationed at Ft. Lewis. Their first child was born there. The family moved to Corvallis in 1948, building the home in which they raised their family of two daughters and two sons. Alan died unexpectedly in 1981, but Jessie continued to live in the family home until 2013 when she moved to Regent Court.

Jessie was an active member of First Baptist Church, the PTA, the DAR, the Button Society, and for years was known as “the story lady” for Child

Evangelism Fellowship. She had a beautiful smile, a wonderful sense of humor, a deep faith and an enduring love of family. She cared about people, graciously welcoming into her home family, friends, neighbors, students, missionaries, and others in need.

Jessie was preceded in death by her parents; a baby daughter, Elizabeth; her husband and all four of her siblings.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Eide (Stuart) of Corvallis and Diana Maul (Alan) of Turner; two sons, Dale Hunnicutt (Marilyn) of Roseburg and Gary Hunnicutt (Tyler Polhemus) of New York; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A service celebrating Jessie's life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at First Baptist Church in Corvallis. Her grandson, the Rev. Eric Eide, and the Rev. Bill Knopp will officiate.

Contributions in her honor may be made to the First Baptist Church, Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, the Abigail Scott Duniway Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Best wishes to the entire extended Hunnicutt family at this sad news. Please accept our condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and matriarch. Warmest wishes, Cass, Jim, & Henry Sailer*

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**Jim Sailer** - July 27, 2016 at 03:47 PM

GA

*Many thanks from our family to yours. Jim, Cass, and Henry you have been a good support to me and thus to the entire family. Best, Gary*

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**Gary** - July 28, 2016 at 08:03 PM

BC

*I was sorry to read that your mom had passed away. Your folks were special neighbors of ours, directly across the street from you. The Crawford's. After losing Neil, I moved to Leavenworth Wa. to be close to my own girls. So many memories on 32nd street. I ran across a photo just yesterday of a Kool-Aid stand in front of our garage where I believe it may have been Gary, Pam and Lynn. I am thinking one of the girls has touched base on Facebook with a few of you. Your mom was such a sweet soul and I'm so happy to have known her. Barb*

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**Barb Crawford** - August 04, 2016 at 06:40 PM

PE

*Barb, thank you for sharing this. Your words and memory are so special. Patricia*

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**Patricia Hunnicutt Eide** - August 06, 2016 at 11:10 AM

GA

*Barb, what a wonderful story and memory of Mom. Thanks for sharing it. I also have wonderful memories of all of you and those 32nd St. days, but don't recall that specific Kool-Aid stand; but, I certainly do recall loving to set up such stands during the summer. Best to your entire family. Gary*

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**Gary** - August 06, 2016 at 04:59 PM