



Joan Lavonne Mueller

January 5, 1925 - November 29, 2020

Joan Lavonne (Dempewolf) Mueller

Born January 5, 1925. Deceased November 28, 2020. Joan was born in Harrisburg, SD to Charles Dempewolf and Mae (Murray) Dempewolf. Her family moved to Sioux Falls, SD at a young age, then moved to several towns in southern Minnesota: Brewster, Osakis and Beaver creek.

During World War II, Joan moved to Long Beach, CA to live with relatives. She worked at the Naval Shipyard as a secretary and was at the shipyard for VJ day. It was quite an experience, a three day party enjoyed by all. Some of the details from these three days were never shared, some stories are best left untold! When the war ended, she moved back to her home in Minnesota.

After graduating from a business trade school, she moved to Minneapolis. There she met Henry Mueller, they were married on September 12, 1954. Joan and Hank had two children, Mary Jo (1956) and Mike (1959). They lived in Minneapolis until 1967, when they moved to Hoffman Estates, IL. They moved to Corvallis, OR in 1973 and Corvallis became their home. Joan was involved with the First Presbyterian Church, was a prolific genealogist and enjoyed golf and bowling for many years.

Joan was a strong advocate of the military and remembrance for service men

and women. Husband Hank and brother Chuck both served in WWII, younger brother Joe served in the Korean conflict.

Sadly, Hank passed away in 1985 and Mary Jo passed away in 2007. Joan was also preceded in death by her brothers Charles Dempewolf and Joseph Leach. Hank was the great love of Joan's life, she never remarried following his death. She continued to live in Corvallis for many years, fiercely independent and full of energy. In her later years she lived in retirement communities in Salem and Oregon City.

Joan is survived by son Mike (Jane), grandchildren Alan (Brooke), Alex (Mimi) and Anna (Brian), and great grandchildren Hunter and Sophie.

Please no flowers, gifts can be made to the American Legion.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mike, sadly I lost track of Joan and you. Reading the obituary and the prayer requests at First Presbyterian Church brought back good memories. I still play golf, but scoring has been elusive for a couple of years. I hope that you still play well.

Even though it has been many years, I wanted to reach out and extend my sympathy for your loss. I enjoyed golfing with Joan - and you. This is a good picture of Joan.

*Ann Asbell
Corvallis*

Ann Asbell - December 15, 2020 at 11:45 PM