



## Joan Westfall

November 2, 1940 - May 13, 2011

Joan Westfall, 70, of Corvallis died Friday, May 13.

Joan was born on Nov. 2, 1940, in Corvallis to Benjamin and Anna (Trueax) Wigle. She graduated from Philomath High School in 1958. She then attended Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. In 1985, she graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts.

Joan married John Westfall in 1966; they later divorced. They had one son, Benjamin John, born in 1967.

Joan was employed at OSU for 38 years, the last six as office/financial manager of the Aquaculture Collaborative Research Support Program. She retired from OSU in 2006. A diehard Beaver fan, Joan was a Beaver Club member, and for many years a season-ticket holder for basketball, football and women's gymnastics. She especially enjoyed helping with score-keeping as a volunteer at women's gymnastics meets.

Joan had a beautiful voice, and loved to sing in church choir; she was often asked to sing at various events and functions.

Joan was diagnosed with cancer in 2003. Sustained by a strong faith in God, she met the challenges of her illness with admirable courage and dignity.

Those who were with her in her final days can attest that she never lost her concern for others, or her splendid sense of humor.

Joan is survived by her son, Ben, of Philomath; sisters Norma Kratzer and Betty Randall (Jerry) of Corvallis, Sue Dowell (Bill) of Lebanon, and Vivian Bradley of Philomath; nephews Darius Kratzer, Jason Bradley, Donovan

Diegel, and Rich and Dusty Dowell; and nieces Andrea Kratzer, RoniSue Lee, Lea Harris, Ann Reynolds and Mary Gull.

She was preceded in death by her parents; half-sisters Anna May Winters and Iva Ettro; and Iva's son, Robert Webb.

The family would like to thank Dr. Vicky Lee, Benton Hospice Service, Corvallis Manor, and Ombudsman Dan Dunham for their kindness and support.

A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, May 20, at Suburban Christian Church, with burial to follow at Mount Union Cemetery.