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Joyce was born in St. Louis, Missouri, the eldest daughter of George and Helen Bratton. She died at home in Corvallis, Oregon.

She is survived by her husband Walter, sister Carol Lienhard of Houston, Texas, sons David and Douglas, grandchildren Daniel and Steven (David and Sandy), Taylor and Avalon (children of daughter-in-law Mary and deceased son Donald), great grandchild Kathrine (Dan and Helen) and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her sister Betty and son Donald.

She is a graduate of the Kirkwood, Missouri high school and Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois in 1947.

In 1948 she married Walter Derlacki whom she met at Northwestern University. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in April.

Her love for the piano led to studies at the Peabody Institute of Music, the Cleveland Institute of Music furthered by lessons with Robert Hamilton,

Katherine Collier and Lois Jacobson.

Her compassion for others was evident in her volunteering activities. She played the piano for and with autistic children in Cleveland, Ohio. In Bellevue, Washington she mentored immigrant grade school children. A discussion with Governor Gary Locke at the school led to his honoring senior volunteers at an annual "state of the state" legislative address. She was an active member of the Good Samaritan Hospital Volunteer Services for several years

A Celebration of Life will be held on August 11, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Stoneybrook Village Club House, 4710 SW Hollyhock Circle, Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hospice Program, Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation, 815 NW 9th Street, Suite 136, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Please leave a condolence for the family at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Stoneybrook Village Club House
4710 SW Hollyhock Circle
Corvallis, OR 97333

Tribute Wall

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“Joyce Derlacki was loved beyond words, she had a spirit that was full of JOY full of wisdom, and full of LOVE. One very incredible lady whom knew how to love others!

She was a Dear Dear FRIEND, and I will hold her in my heart for as long as I too shall live!

She loved Life, she loved her family and she always always thought of others in such a way of kindness, she was a cheerful giver, and wanted to come along side of others to share her like mindedness. We thought so much alike she and I. Morals, life's principles and the LORD above all things.

My Life would never be the same had I not known Joyce, she told me one time Do not Cry for me, I will honor those words once the tears are erased by the memories. that are still alive in my heart.. One very very special Blessing in my LIFE a Very DEAR friend.

To Watch her family which was the world to her has been such an example of strength, comfort, and LOVE. Rare these days. We too were blessed by their sacrifice in their love for her..

Blessings to you all as time will help fade away some of the loss.
Love Lynn and Rich Town

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