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Juanita Davis passed away on June 23, 2017 at age 98. She was born in Fairbury, Nebraska to Elmo B. Carlin and Mary Hardenburger Carlin. In 1923, at the age of four, her family moved to Oregon. She attended Lincoln School and graduated from Corvallis High School in 1937. After graduation she worked for the Jack Porter family. In 1940 she married her high school sweetheart, Leighton Davis, and they started a Grade A dairy farm in rural Benton County. She and Leighton raised two children and were married almost 76 years.

Juanita was active in the community. She was a 4-H leader for 20 years and a qualified clothing and food judge for county and state fairs. She won the Benton County Best Cook award in 1960. She was a member of the Philomath Garden Club, Oregon Women for Agriculture, Oregon Dairy Wives Association, Willamette Grange, and First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis. As part of the church Piecemakers Quilt Group, she bound over 2,000 quilts. She volunteered in the Inavale School library for 14 years, mending hundreds of books.

Juanita and Leighton belonged to the “Double or Nothing” pinochle club; a group of 12 couples that would play once a month for over 50 years. They also enjoyed attending OSU sporting events.

She is preceded in death by her husband Leighton, son John, and sister

Wanda Knuth. She is survived by daughter Karen (David) Steele of Corvallis; grandsons Anthony (Cathy) Steele of Tualatin, Adam Steele of Corvallis, Chad (Debbie) Davis of Bothell, WA, and Curtis (Jessica) Davis of Corvallis. She was very proud of her nine great-grandchildren: Emma, Christian, Andrew, Connor, Mitchell, William, Haylee, Keira, and Derek, and received loving support from daughter-in-law Glenda Davis.

Thank you to Regency Park Place Assisted-Living staff for its caring support and Benton Hospice for its compassionate care.

Juanita loved music and kittens. Memorial donations in her name may be made to First Presbyterian Church (Hand-bell Restoration Fund) or Heartland Humane Society.

McHenry Funeral Home is handling Arrangements.