



Juanita Thompson

February 19, 1919 - October 15, 2012

Juanita Maxeen Davis Thompson, 93, of Corvallis died Monday. She was born in Webster City, Iowa, to Donald Davis and Josephine Schee Davis Barnes. She married Ernest Donald Thompson on Feb. 5, 1943, in Spencer, Iowa. Remembering their beloved mother and grandmother, family members recalled how much Maxeen Thompson enjoyed square dancing and round dancing at the Eugene, Springfield and Albany Eagles lodges, and the Corvallis Senior Center. She was admired for and proud of her beautiful hand-sewn dance costumes. She also enjoyed listening to jazz and old songs at home and in live performance. With a rare gift for hand sewing, she crafted many wonderful quilts and clothes for her family. She liked watching Corvallis City League softball as well, and traveling with family members to visit sites and parks around the United States and Europe.

Family loved freshly baked cookies from her kitchen, and granddaughter Sarah especially remembers her silver dollar pancakes. She enjoyed getting together with her school cook retirees group, too, remembering her time as a cook at Corvallis High School.

The words and phrases of family remembrance capture her spirit: a “blue-eyed angel” with a “vivacious smile and laughter,” a “great sense of humor” and someone infectiously “friendly” and “proud of her family.” We shall miss our “dancing queen.”

Special thanks to West Hills Assisted Living and Joanna’s Foster Care for their loving support. Maxeen Thompson’s life was also blessed by the

devotion of her son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Judy, who always ensured that she was cared for well. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Donald Thompson; and brother James Davis. Survivors include sons William James Thompson of Corvallis (wife Judy Thompson) and Mark Donald Thompson of Lebanon; daughter Julie Thompson Klein of Ypsilanti, Mich. (husband George Klein); brother Keith Barnes; sister Imogene Barnes Hulett; granddaughter Sarah Thomasen Klein (husband Raul Padilla); two step-grandchildren, Joth Ricci (wife Robin Ricci) and Aaron Ricci (wife Rose Ricci); and four great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions in honor of Maxeen Thompson can be made to Oregon Public Broadcasting at 7140 S.W. Madison Ave., Portland, OR 97219, or www.opb.org/contribute; or to Benton Hospice Service, 2350 N.W. Professional Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330, or www.bentonhospice.org.