



Judy Christianson

June 5, 1946 - May 25, 2011

Judy Christianson, 64, of Corvallis passed away Wednesday with family at her side.

Judy was born in Corvallis to Clarence M. and Maude E. (Davis) Smith. She was raised in Corvallis, graduating from Corvallis High School in 1964.

Fond of the outdoors, Judy loved all of nature. Her everyday pastime included experiencing all that nature had to offer, from collecting shells and rocks of places she visited to watching migrating birds nestle in her garden or enjoying a crackling thunderstorm. Known as “Gracky” to her grandchildren, Judy instilled in them these values of appreciating what was lent to us through nature.

Her favorite chore was cutting, splitting and stacking firewood for the winter, and is reminiscent as a favorite memory by her grandchildren, seeing Gracky chop wood in her nightgown and flannel.

Judy measured quality of life not by what one owned, but by the brief moments shared with family and friends, whether a jaunt to the Oregon coast, an overnight camping trip, telling stories around the fire, a pick of a wildflower given by another, the annual baking of Christmas goodies with all the grandchildren, or the simple phone call to say “I love you.” She made us all feel loved, special and significant.

Inscriptions into her journal read, “Live simply, so others may simply live” and “The road to a friend’s house is never long.”

Judy is survived by her husband of 25 years, Craig; sons Greg Ferguson and

wife Lena of Sublimity, and Rick Ferguson and wife Dorene of Philomath; daughter Kathy Kilborn and husband Jim of Lebanon; grandchildren Scott, Cynthia, Hannah, Noah, Nicole, Olivia and Karisten; sister Nita Rice and husband Tom of Central Point; nieces Carey and Tina; nephew Rob; and close friends Linda and Ed, Tish and loyal companion Abby.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant sister.

A picnic celebration of life with family and friends is planned for a time and place to be determined.