



## Julia Tower Howard

March 31, 1930 - January 4, 2024

Julia Tower Howard died in Corvallis, Oregon on January 4, 2024, at the age of 93. She was born March 31, 1930 in Yreka, California to Robert W. and Treva M. Gott Tower. She graduated from Roseburg Senior High School, Southern Oregon College (now Southern Oregon University), and Oregon State University. In 1950, she married Dean Bruce; they were later divorced. She enjoyed her job as secretary in the Department of History at OSU, retiring in 1992. In November 1994, she married Jess W. Howard, and they took many enjoyable trips together, including 22 states, 8 countries, and a cruise through the Panama Canal. In 2003, they moved to Sun City, Arizona. After Jess passed away in 2004, she moved back to Corvallis to be closer to family.

Mrs. Howard was a member of First United Methodist Church, and American Legion Auxiliary. Her hobbies included music, gardening, sewing, crossword puzzles, and collecting owls, angels, and teddy bears. She loved the beach, the mountains, and animals.

She is survived by sons D. Michael Bruce (Lois) of Philomath, OR, Steven E. Bruce of Leander, TX, daughter Sharon A. Krause (David) of Prineville, OR, five grandchildren, nine great-grand-children, one sister, three nieces and one nephew, and a stepson. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, and her husbands Dean and Jess.

At her request, no public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Julia's name to - Southern Oregon University Education Fund, Oregon State University - School of Education, United First Methodist Church, Linn-Benton Food Share, Habitat for Humanity, or American Red Cross. Please leave condolences for the family here on the McHenry Funeral Home website.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed playing the handball at church with Julia for years. She was always willing to try new and more difficult pieces. I will remember her kindness and patience fondly.

Alicia Straub - January 18, 2024 at 10:30 AM

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“ Mom thank you for being you. For your love and caring over the years. We miss you. Mike & Lois Bruce



Michael Bruce - January 13, 2024 at 05:22 PM

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“ Mom, Thanks for being a caring mother and a good friend.

Sharon Krause - January 12, 2024 at 01:06 AM

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Sharon Krause - January 12, 2024 at 01:03 AM

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*I had the pleasure and great honor to work with her as a secretary in the History Department from 1984 to 1992 (the year when she retired). She was wonderful, caring, knowledgeable, and guided me from my first day on the job and for 8 years. Julia had quite a sense of humor too. After she retired, we kept in touch and enjoyed having lunch at Izzy's pizza restaurant many times to get caught up with the latest news in our lives. She also sent me her Christmas card every year which I thoroughly enjoyed so much and her last one was the past Christmas 2023. In her letter she still had that wonderful humor! I'll treasure her card and letter forever in her memory. What a very special friend she was to me and I'll miss her terribly. Marilyn Bethman  
Secretary, History Department 1984 - 2003*

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**Marilyn Bethman** - January 31, 2024 at 01:25 PM