



Kathryn May Coskey

May 8, 1921 - January 20, 2015

Kathryn (Kay) May Coskey, 93, of Corvallis, a former resident of Silverton and Hillsboro, Oregon; Centralia and Renton, Washington; and Aberdeen, South Dakota, died Jan. 20 in Corvallis.

She was born on May 8, 1921, in Aberdeen to Edward and Norene Priest, the eldest of eight children. She married Jack W. Coskey on Aug. 1, 1947, in Tacoma, Washington, and they were blessed with four children.

Kay graduated with honors from Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen. She was a certified secondary teacher and social worker. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. One of Kay's passions was baking for her family, friends, social gatherings and church functions. She made delicious breads, sweet rolls, cookies and candies. For many years, she was a 4-H cooking club leader.

Kay loved her dogs, especially Ole. She also enjoyed hunting trips with her husband, planting flowers and vegetable gardens, feeding hummingbirds, playing card games, pattern sewing, making and donating quilts, reading, swimming, and spending time with her family and friends. Kay was a devout Catholic who attended Mass and volunteered at parish functions. She was very proud of her Irish heritage and her visit to Ireland.

She will be remembered for her many acts of kindness, her sense of humor and wholesome laugh, and her down-to-earth, practical living habits.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Jack; children, Thomas (Julie) Coskey of Fairbanks, Alaska, James (Valerie) Coskey of Philomath, Mary (Steve) Cooper of Florence, Arizona, and Ann (Richard) Coskey-Wasserman of Salem; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers Edward Priest of Lemmon, South Dakota, and James Priest of Cummin, Georgia; brothers-in-law Joseph Lentz of Tucson, Arizona, and William Willrodt of Chamberlain, South Dakota; and sister-in-law Avis Priest of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters and a granddaughter.

Mass for Kathryn May Coskey will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis.

A private burial will take place at a later date at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Tribute Wall

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“ Alice VanDomelen-Weaver lit a candle in memory of Kathryn May Coskey



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“ Kay Coskey remains one of the important characters in my life's experience. I imagine that is true for most people that met her. It started with my mother who thought she was one of the classiest, happiest ladies she ever knew. So Mom developed a friendship with Kay which led to us kids getting to know her kids, and so on. The Coskey clan picked strawberries at our farm and any shared experience, crawling around in the dirt will solidify friendships. So our families became friends -- parents and kids.

This I remember most. Kay always smiled and treated me like I was more grown up than either my age or conduct warranted. Kay's passing kind of knocks the wind out of my sails. I guess I always thought that we would have one more conversation and that there was one more freshly baked biscuit in my future.

RIP lovely lady. Say "hi" to my Mom. I can almost see the warm hug and the endless chat you two are having.

My deepest sympathy to Jack, Tom, Jim, Mary & Ann and all the extended family that made her world complete and filled with love.

Alice VanDomelen-Weaver

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