



Louise Marie Slizeski

July 3, 1914 - February 15, 2014

Benton County resident Louise “Nana” Slizeski passed on Feb. 15, 2014, at the age of 99.

Louise was born in Denver, Colo., to Francis and Louise Schaer Person. Her French parents met on the voyage while immigrating to America. She was the first daughter of their seven children, and grew up in Colorado and Arkansas. Her French heritage was very important to her, which she expressed in her writing throughout her life. She recounted her life stories through her writings. Music also was a passion of hers, including writing and singing songs, as well as playing violin and piano.

She married Joseph J. (JJ) Slizeski in 1945. They raised their five children in Omaha, Neb. She was the mother everyone wanted to have. In retirement she and Joe moved to Santa Rosa, Calif.

Louise’s joie de vivre was contagious, not only to her family, but everyone she met. She saw the beauty in all the little things and had a great appreciation for life. Nana was blessed with a childlike wonder throughout her 99 years. She always said how grateful she was that she was born after ice cream was invented.

Louise is survived by her children, Gary (Robina) Slizeski, Jackie (Doug) Martine, Donn (Jennie) Slizeski, Marilyn (Fred Handloser) Slizeski and Rick (Trish) Slizeski; grandchildren, Ryan (Melissa) and Brett (Lauren) Martine, Simona and Camilla Gamba, AJ and Ace Slizeski, Genevieve, Neal and Monique Handloser, and Julia Slizeski; great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Isabelle

and Avery Martine; and her sister, Helen Boyd.

She will be laid to rest next to Joe, her husband of 57 years, at Mount Union Cemetery in Philomath.

The family invites everyone to come to her celebration of life service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 N.W. 35th St. in Corvallis, followed by a reception. Memorial donations in Louise's name can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.