



## Marjorie Ann Rackham

December 24, 1934 - March 26, 2024

Marjorie Ann (Hearne) Rackham passed away on March 26, 2024. She lived at Mennonite Village in Albany with her husband, Bob, prior to treatment for a long illness at Corvallis Manor.

Marge was born to Annie (Tate) and Frank Hearne in Hanna, Wyoming, on December 24, 1934. She was a loving older sister and role model to four brothers and two sisters.

Marge married Robert (Bob) Rackham on June 19, 1954, and they remained dedicated spouses for 69 years. Marge had met Bob at the first dance they attended as freshmen two years earlier at the University of Wyoming. The Glenn Miller Band was playing at that dance. Marge graduated in 1956 with a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education.

She taught across four rewarding decades in Wyoming, California, and Oregon. She finished her career in 1992 as a Fourth Grade teacher and assistant principal at St. Mary's School in Albany. While in Medford, Marge took certification classes to be able to teach high school students with learning disabilities, allowing them to earn their diplomas. The time she invested in this pursuit enabled her to recognize different learning styles in her elementary students, and to provide valuable learning interventions for countless students. Marge was considered to be an outstanding teacher by her many

students, parents and peers.

Marge was a world traveler, with her husband, Bob. Their destinations included Australia, Europe, and Central America, as well as many Caribbean and Hawaiian cruises. They also traveled to most of our United States.

Marge's greatest joy was being around family. She hosted many dinners, celebrations, and events that included family, friends, and guests from around the world. She was a wonderful example of grace and dignity. She was relied upon by friends and family for her loving comfort, as well as for her ready knowledge of spelling, grammar, and life lessons. From her children's birth until they started school, she enthusiastically gave them a head start in learning that enabled them to succeed in school, and beyond.

Marge dedicated her time and talents to many local charitable organizations. She served as a Eucharistic Minister and food pantry volunteer at Saint Mary's, cashiered at the OSU Folk Club Thrift Shop, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, helped provide aid to orphans and others in Ukraine via her involvement with Corvallis Sister Cities Association, and assisted in art classes taught by her daughter and attended by two of her grandsons at Mt. View Elementary.

Marge is survived by her husband of 69 years, Bob; children Wayne (Cathy), Glen, and Sharon; four grandchildren, Sarah (Brian), Dan (Mandy), Everett, and Dario; five great grandchildren; six siblings and their spouses; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one grandchild, Kevin. She touched many lives and will be dearly missed.

Marge's memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, April 12, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th St., Corvallis. A reception will be held at the church social hall following the service. There will be a graveside service

held at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery at 1:00 pm. The cemetery is at 1345 NW Forest Dr., Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your favorite teachers association, or to one of the groups with which Marge volunteered.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 12. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
501 NW 25th St.  
Corvallis, OR

*Reception to follow at St. Mary's Upper Social Hall.*

## Graveside Service

APR 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Cemetery  
Corvallis, OR

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom was a world traveler. Dad chose some of their destinations. When mom chose, her favorite destination was Hawaii. We traveled with them to Hawaii. There were many adventures to enjoy, but mom stayed at the condo with the grandkids. My naive assumption was that mom wasn't very adventurous. Years later, mom and dad were telling us about their latest trip to the tropics. You can't imagine my shock when they showed us a picture of mom paragliding across the sky! Maybe I was wrong about mom's spirit of adventure. After all, we'd had our share of adventures with mom and dad growing up. I was reminded of some of fun we had on vacations and camping trips. Could it be that her love of family was greater than her love of adventure? Is that why she stayed at the condo with the kids? I know what I think.

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**Wayne Rackham** - April 09, 2024 at 09:39 PM

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**Cathy Rackham** - April 06, 2024 at 01:02 PM