



Marvelle Christianson

July 13, 1918 - August 28, 2016

Marvelle May Christianson passed away at home under hospice care on Aug. 28, at the age of 98.

Born on July 13, 1918, to Robert and Frances Harris Bennett, she was the fourth of 13 children. She spent her early years growing up in Falls City, Oregon.

In 1929 the family moved to Philomath where Marvelle graduated from high school. She worked at a bakery in Newport to earn money to attend business school in Portland. After business school, she returned to Philomath where she met and married Calvin Tatom in 1941. They settled in a new home in Philomath and had two children, Jack and Susan, before Calvin was killed in a logging accident in 1952. Marvelle carried on as a single mom, raising her children while working full time as manager of the coffee shop at Clemens Mill in Philomath

In 1970 she met and married Wernald "Chris" Christianson. They became snowbirds for over 20 years, spending winters in Apache Junction, Arizona, where they made many new lifelong friends, and thoroughly enjoyed their early morning swims, shuffleboard and card games. The highlight of their winter was riding their Honda cycles across the desert. Summers were spent in their home in Philomath. They also enjoyed the shipboard life, with cruises

to Alaska and the Caribbean. Marvelle continued cruising and going south for several years after Chris passed away in 1995. In later life, she enjoyed tending her flowers and visiting with friends and family.

Marvelle is survived by three sons, Jack Tatom and wife Jan of Sequim, Washington, Chris Christianson and wife Sharon of Portland, and Bill Christianson and wife Judy of Salem; daughter Susan Brawn and husband Mike of Corvallis; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother Ray Bennett of Corvallis; and sister Bobbie Barnhouse of Albany.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Oaklawn Cemetery in Corvallis.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (PT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery
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Corvallis, OR 97333
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