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Mary Anne Cusimano passed away peacefully on Oct 1 at Cypress Court in Escondido, Calif., after a long and fulfilling life of 91 years.

Born in Eureka, Calif., on Jan 5, 1916 to Mathias and Mary Zust of Austria, she and her family moved to San Francisco where she graduated from St. Peter's Academy and started her secretarial career at the age of 18. Mary worked for several government agencies during the war in addition to becoming a legal secretary to a San Francisco law firm.

On May 19, 1946 she married Carmelo A. Cusimano and they spent a wonderful 54 years together. When her three children were grown and left home, Mary returned to school and attended S.F. City College pursuing a degree in art and business. She became an accomplished artist in oil, acrylic, and pastel painting and showed her works in numerous art shows in San Francisco as well as Oregon. When Mary retired to Corvallis in 1977, she lived life to the fullest pursuing her art and her other hobbies of baking, sewing, reading and creative writing. She always strived to help others volunteering her time at the Corvallis hospital and other local charities.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Carmelo; her sister, Anne Zust; and brothers, Andrew Zust and Anthony Dragovan. She is survived by her sisters, Frances Kelly and Katherine Noteman of Corvallis; her children, Carol Bernier of San Diego, Calif., Michael Cusimano of Antioch, Calif., and

Christine Cusimano of Valencia, Calif.; grandsons, Joshua and Zachary; and great-grandchildren, Trinity, Cheyanne, Joshua and Erik.

A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. on Oct. 6 at Cypress Court, Escondido, Calif.

A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at St Mary's Catholic Church in Albany, with interment following at Twin Oaks Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations to Elizabeth Hospice of Escondido, Calif., in care of McHenry Funeral Home (206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, Oregon) would be appreciated.