



## Mary Lampton

June 6, 1918 - April 2, 2012

Mary Jane Lampton lived her life with conviction, love, joy, and a sense of integrity she conveyed to all who knew her. Mary passed away peacefully on April 2, surrounded by her beloved husband of nearly 74 years, Jack Lampton, and her family. Mary is survived by her sister Nancy Morrill of Enumclaw, Washington, sons Mike and Pat and their spouses Susan and Amy, four grandchildren (Kate Balk, Adam, Al, and Sam Lampton), and four great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brothers, Bob Adams of Corvallis and Roger Adams of St. Helena, California.

Born in 1918 in Bellingham, Washington, the daughter of Orville Daniel Adams and Alice Dunlop, “Mary Jane” started her career in music at age three--by age 6, she was performing in a University of Washington music recital alongside college students. She was so small she had to stand up to play the piano. Later in life, some of Mary’s fondest memories were of being a mezzo-soprano in the West Bay Opera Association in Palo Alto, California. When in her mid-80s, she created the music and lyrics for a musical, “Stacy Jane,” in collaboration with Betty Orr, who wrote the libretto for the musical. It premiered in Ely, Nevada, to a sold-out theater.

As partners in life and work, Mary and Jack developed many businesses and endeavors together. They lived in southern and northern California for many years, moving to Corvallis in August 1974 to start a new chapter in their lives as an entrepreneurial team, building The Inkwell with Mary’s brother Bob and his wife Nancy.

Mary brought to her life a deep spiritual connection that allowed her to appreciate the contributions of many lines of religious and philosophical inquiry. Mary leaves behind a loving family and a legacy of music that made people joyful throughout their lives.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at 1:00 PM at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th Street, Corvallis, Oregon 97330. Memorial donations in memory of Mary Jane Lampton can be directed to Benton Hospice Service in care of McHenry Funeral Home.