



Mary Liukkonen

February 7, 1918 - August 13, 2011

Mary Liukkonen died on Aug. 13, 2011, at Regent Court in Corvallis. She was 93.

Mary Delia Palmer was born in Bellingham, Wash., to Clara Miller Palmer and Frederick Robie Palmer. Mary spent much of her childhood in Palo Alto, Calif., where she graduated from Palo Alto High School. She completed college coursework at the University of California and San Jose State College, and graduated from Fresno State College. In 1940, she married Reino Liukkonen. Mary and Reino lived in Suitland, Md., during World War II, and later returned to the Bay Area, ultimately retiring to Corvallis.

During her career, Mary worked in the classified advertising department of the Palo Alto Times; taught in the Redwood City, Fresno, Palo Alto and San Jose school districts; and worked for the San Jose Public Library. As a volunteer in the community, she helped at the public schools, the Congregational church, and with the Scouts. Mary also was on the committee working to bring Stoneybrook Retirement Community to Corvallis.

An avid reader throughout her life, Mary also enjoyed playing bridge, knitting, learning about computers, and caring for her cats. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and loved to laugh and spend time with her family.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, four siblings and a nephew. She is survived by her son, John Liukkonen, and his wife, Doris; her daughter, Caroline Lee, and her husband, John; her son, James Liukkonen; and six grandchildren: Ellen and Anne Lee, Christopher Tomera, Yvonne Davis, and

Jessie and Kaela Liukkonen. In addition, she is survived by two great-grandchildren and seven nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations can be made to the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Foundation or Benton Hospice Service.

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“ I met her in 1960 when I was dating her son John at Fresno High. I enjoyed talking to her, helped her daughter frost her hair which was the popular glam thing to do so long ago, and now am happy to see that she lived a long life to the age of 93.

Nanji Davison

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