



## Mary Alice Sapp

April 6, 1933 - January 20, 2017

Mary Alice Thomas was born April 6, 1933 in Alsea, Ore. to Alice and Ishmael Thomas. She was the youngest of five children: Dorothy, Donald, Harold, and Stanley. She passed away at the age of 83 in Corvallis, Ore.

Mary Alice attended Alsea High School. She graduated in 1951. After high school she worked as a telephone operator. One summer she and Auntie Bobbie went to Salem and worked at the cannery. They would get off work every night at 11 p.m., and a policeman with a deep voice would escort them home because it was a rough part of town.

She married her high school sweetheart, Ken Hendrix, in February of 1953. Someone spiked the punch at their wedding and her Grandma Harvey really liked it. They had three children: Lucinda, Walter, and Ginger. Ken passed away in February of 1970.

Mary Alice remarried Forrest (Cork) Sapp on January 6, 1971 in Reno. They listened to The Carpenters, who always remained one of her favorite music groups. Cork was a widower with four children, Russ, Rick, Earnest (Hug) and Carol. On July 11, 1972 Mary Alice and Cork welcomed their son, Jeremy. Cork passed away on January 17, 2000.

Mary Alice was a member of the Theta Rowe Rebekah Lodge. She loved to dance with all the boys at local dances. She loved to people watch, especially after moving to Corvallis in 2000.

She picked blackberries every year as a little girl. Once, after throwing a blackberry at her best friend Lou Anne, it started a blackberry fight that will live

on in infamy. When her mother came to pick them them up, they were both covered in blackberry juice.

Years later, Mary Alice was helping Lou Ann paint her bathroom purple. A playful flip of the paintbrush resulted in a purple paint fight where everything ended up purple but the bathroom walls. To be fair, Mary Alice tried to tell Lou Ann that she wouldn't like a purple bathroom, and she was right.

Mary Alice was a member of the Poop Group and loved their gatherings. She loved to swim and was particularly happy near the ocean. The Poop Group went to Hawaii in 1986 and she stayed in the ocean nearly the entire time. While living in Lobster Valley she was an experienced canner. She was a member of the Lobster Valley Church and loved to sing loudly and argue with the preacher. She stayed active in her community by helping with homecoming dinners and PTA meetings and teaching Sunday School. She did the books for Sapp Bros. Logging and loved to help take care of her grandchildren.

Mary Alice is survived by her four children; two step children; and numerous grand children and great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; all four siblings; and two stepsons, Rick and Hug.

At her request, there will not be a service. Donations can be made in her honor to the Lobster Valley Church of Christ.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I remember so many fun times with Aunt Mary. The family would get together for holidays and there were always some fun stories to tell on ourselves. My prayers are with her family and friends and she will be missed but never forgotten.*

*Donna Rae*

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**Donna** - January 26, 2017 at 05:35 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all our family during this sad time. I will always remember Aunt Mary's wonderful sense of humor and bright smile. She will be deeply missed and forever be in our hearts.*

*John and DeAnn*

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**DeAnn Upchurch** - January 24, 2017 at 11:35 AM