



Mary M. Uerlings

January 4, 1925 - April 17, 2013

Mary M. Uerlings, 88, died Wednesday, at Corvallis Manor.

Mary was born in Soperton, Wis., to William A. and Bertha E. (Derrah) Bishop. In 1930 her family moved to Klamath Falls where she graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1942. She married George R. Uerlings on Feb. 19, 1949, was divorced in 1969 and moved to Albany.

Mary worked as office manager at many new car dealerships across Oregon with time in Klamath Falls, Lebanon, Redmond, Beaverton and Portland. She was often sought out by General Motors Acceptance Corporation to step into dealerships that had voids in their office management.

She was proud to be a "Commando" in the 1940s which was a Klamath Basin young women's organization that supported the local military personnel, similar to the USO. Mary was also active in Business and Professional Women and Soroptimist, where she served as president in 1979 of the North Portland chapter.

In 1998 she moved to Samaritan Village in Corvallis, where she was instrumental in the fund raising that acquired a handicapped accessible van for the residents and ran their library. She was an avid sports fan and went to many OSU Beaver Football games with her friends. She was always watching

or listening to OSU sports, Seattle Mariners and Seahawks or the Portland Trailblazers.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, mother, brother William L. Bishop and nephew Paul V. Bishop.

Mary is survived by James R. Uerlings of Klamath Falls, Joan M. (Uerlings) Smith of New Port Richey, Fla., and Steven G. Uerlings and wife Sandie Campbell of Corvallis. Grandchildren include Mathew Uerlings, wife Danielle and great-grandchildren Cade and Keira of Corvallis; Lauren (Smith) and husband Elie Rouhana of Land O'Lakes, Fla., Scott Uerlings and wife Heather of Beaverton, Amanda Uerlings of Portland, Brad Uerlings of Independence, Erin Uerlings of New York, N.Y., and Megan and Kaitlin Campbell of Corvallis.

A memorial will be held in late May.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Samaritan Village-Bus Fund or Friends of Corvallis Library.