



Matilda Peterson

March 7, 1922 - October 31, 2012

Matilda “Penny” Peterson died peacefully Dec. 31, 2012, at her home in Corvallis, surrounded by her devoted family.

Penny was born March 7, 1922, in Portland to Klotilda (Romanau) Katshen and Kazmir Katshen. She attended Clinton-Kelly High School of Commerce in Portland, mastering typing, shorthand and other secretarial skills. She loved being an executive secretary for many years.

She married A. Dale Peterson on May 8, 1942. At age 20, she drove by herself from Portland to Philadelphia, Pa., to marry Dale, a brave undertaking in those days, with no interstate highways.

She delighted in her grandchildren, and enjoyed all the children in her neighborhood who would visit, treating them to cookies, candy and other goodies. Her favorite holidays were Easter and Christmas, when she would lavish an amazing array of presents and goodies on her family.

In later years, she enjoyed finding “treasures” at garage sales, and picking up any trash she found during her daily walks, especially when the garbage trucks left trash blowing in their wake. For this she was awarded a plaque of appreciation from the neighborhood.

Penny leaves behind a grieving family including husband of 70 years, Dale; son Steve (Shirley); daughter Gayle; three grandchildren, Bonnie Dudley (Brier), Jonathan Peterson (Wisin) and Katie Johnson (Kyle); and four great-grandchildren.

Her last several months were spent at home with excellent, tender care from

the Evergreen Hospice staff. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice.