



Nancy Constantine

June 17, 1935 - April 6, 2010

Nancy was born in Des Moines, Iowa, to Howard and Hazel Ash; graduated from Lincoln High School; attended Drake University; and later graduated from San Jose State University with a double major in education and music. She taught in elementary schools in Santa Clara County, Calif., and later at Lincoln Elementary School in Corvallis from 1962 to 1964.

She married George Constantine in 1962, and they moved to Corvallis, where he pursued his doctorate. He later became professor at the Oregon State University College of Pharmacy, retiring in 1999. They raised three children: Melissa Koons of Albany; Christopher of Larkspur, Calif.; and Annemarie Takashima of Vancouver, Wash. They have three granddaughters.

They made their home in Corvallis before moving to Albany in 1996. Nancy was very active in PEO, in which she was a founding member of Chapter DQ; last week she received her 50-year pin from that organization.

She was a member of the Town Choir and a soloist for the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan Choir, and later taught piano.

She learned gourmet cooking, and later partnered with a close friend to provide festive meals by Sanantha's Catering. She excelled in having fun with foods, and thoroughly enjoyed preparing for her well-known Halloween dinner party with an assortment of unique foods. She took great pride in decorating her home for all seasons and holidays.

She and George did theater with the former Valley Round Barn Theater, and were members of the Tillicums dance club. She was a respite caregiver for

Evergreen Hospice. She loved to knit, enjoyed traveling to Greece and to meetings around the world, loved plays in Ashland with dear friends, and spent enjoyable year stays in Hawaii and Bluebell, Pa.

A commemoration of her life will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis.

The family asks that any remembrances be forwarded either to the PEO Scholarship Fund or the Music Fund at the Church of the Good Samaritan.