



## Nancy Ebel

February 12, 1933 - September 9, 2011

Nancy A. Ebel died Sept. 9 at her home in Corvallis. She was 78, having stoically soldiered on for several years of deteriorating health.

Nan was born on Feb. 12, 1933, to Harley and Frances McGregor in Muskegon, Mich. A graduate of Muskegon High School, she worked as a medical assistant for otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat) doctors in Muskegon and Chicago. Her work brought her into contact with several medical luminaries, including the father of former first lady Nancy Reagan. She met her future husband, Rick Ebel, three weeks before he was inducted into military service during the Korean War. The two exchanged letters daily without fail during the nearly two years he was stationed in Japan. They were married in 1956.

Nan devoted herself to raising their two children to be responsible citizens and good parents who respected and cared for others. After achieving this goal, she concentrated on making a home for her husband in Illinois, Texas, Arkansas and finally in Oregon. She enjoyed gardening, reading, boating, and her grandchildren and beloved pets. She and Rick have resided in Corvallis since 2004.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Rick Ebel; a son, Bob Ebel (husband of Lisa) of Wheaton, Ill.; a daughter, Challen (Steve) Bomont of Grants Pass; a sister, Peg (Clarence) Dukes of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a brother, Eugene (Carol) McGregor of Brevard, N.C.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service for family and friends will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept.

23, at McHenry Funeral Home, Corvallis. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to Heartland Humane Society of Corvallis or Benton Hospice Service, 2350 N.W. Professional Drive, Corvallis 97330.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mr. Ebel and Family, We were so sorry to learn of the loss of Mrs. Ebel. Taylor, John ,Brad and Allison have such happy memories of spending time at your house on Orchard (and having to pick up our golden retriever, Mollie when she layed down in front of your house...she wanted to see her other family). You are and will remain on our hearts and in our prayers. Sincerely, The Bettis Family

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**Paula Bettis** - September 26, 2011 at 04:28 AM