



Nellie Bragg

July 2, 1923 - April 22, 2009

Nellie P. Bragg, 85 of Corvallis died Wednesday at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Born July 2, 1923 in Queen Shoals, West Virginia; she was the daughter of George Bartlett and Stella Caroline Rader Teel. Nellie was the middle of three daughters. The family lived simply in the back woods of West Virginia. She grew up with no conveniences—no running water, no power.

She was very proud of her heritage and considered herself an original “hillbilly.” During World War II, Nellie helped with the war effort by serving as a “Rosie the Riveter,” and worked manufacturing gun barrels. In 1946 she married William Mark Bragg in West Virginia. The couple had two boys, Bruce and Blane and made their home in Southern California. .

Even though she didn’t have a lot of formal schooling, Nellie was a very accomplished homemaker and took great pride in her excellent skills in the domestic arts. She kept a sparkling house and was an excellent cook and seamstress. She was staunch Christian and a member of the Circle Church of Christ.

Preceded in death by her husband William, who died in 1984; her son Blane who died in 2003 and her sister Agnes. Nellie is survived by her son Bruce of Corvallis; her grandson and his wife Brenner and Val Graves of Salem and her sister Margaret Cross. Memorial donations in Nellie’s name may be made to the Circle Church of Christ in Corvallis.