



Rosalyn Evelyn Grant

November 2, 1925 - January 31, 2015

Rosalyn Grant, 89, died Saturday, Jan. 31, at her home in Corvallis.

She was born Nov. 2, 1925, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to John Parker and Florence Curlee Templeton. Her family moved from Little Rock to Tucson and parts in between, eventually ending up in New Mexico, where, as a 16-year-old, Rosalyn met Bob Grant. When Bob returned home from his military duty four years later, they married Oct. 6, 1945, in Lordsburg, New Mexico. The couple had three children, Nancy, Bob and John.

In addition to taking care of the home front and raising the children, Rosalyn attended college, graduating in 1955 with a teaching degree from Sacramento State College. She also received a License of Ministry. She began her teaching career in elementary education in the Elk Grove School District and later taught at Ponderosa High School.

In the summer of 1970, Rosalyn and Bob moved to Corvallis to be nearer family. Here, Bob started Bob Grant Construction and Rosalyn followed her passion of learning and teaching in various positions from preschool to special education. In another endeavor, she owned and operated Rosie's Boutique, a dress shop in Philomath.

She also enjoyed writing children's books, and spent a good deal of time

writing and sending out words of encouragement through many venues. Some were reprinted and distributed to prisoners around the country and the world. Scripture references and encouraging words thoughtfully woven together by Rosie brought hope to many who might not otherwise have had hope.

She is described as a sweet, loving woman and a strong prayer warrior; passionate about children, she loved them and they loved her. Her husband and many others say, "She had the prettiest smile I've ever seen."

Rosalyn was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister Carol Karter. She is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 70 years, Bob; her children and their spouses, Nancy and Tom Terkildsen, Bob and Karen Grant, and John and Sheryl Grant; grandchildren Cristy, Kimber, Timothy, John Paul, Joshua, Anna and Steven; five great-grandchildren; and sister Christine Bevins.

Memorial donations in Rosalyn's name can be directed to Benton Hospice Service in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

A private graveside service is planned at Oak Lawn Memorial Park.