



Rose Kraft

January 22, 1917 - May 13, 2011

Frances Rose Allen Kraft was born Jan. 22, 1917, in Bisbee, Ariz. She grew up on a farm in Tumalo. Rose attended Oregon State College, where she met Walter Kraft during her sophomore year. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics in 1940, and married Walter in 1942. Rose worked for Frederick & Nelson in Seattle, Washington, then worked as Chief Dietitian at Fitkin Memorial Hospital in Neptune, New Jersey, during the later years of World War II.

After the war, Rose and Walter returned to the West Coast, where she attended graduate school at University of California, Berkeley. She received her Master's Degree in Nutrition in 1950, and worked as an instructor of nutrition at City College of San Francisco until 1955.

That year, Rose and Walter returned to Corvallis, where she began teaching for the Corvallis School District. She taught nutrition, home economics, social studies, world religions, anthropology and economics at the junior high and high school levels, retiring in 1982. Rose was granted a sabbatical and leaves of absence from 1966 to 1969 to take an around-the-world trip and to work as a Fulbright lecturer of nutrition in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

World travel was always a central theme in Rose's life. She traveled to more than 65 countries, including most recently a trip across Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway, and cruises of the South Pacific and to Alaska. Rose and Walter welcomed and hosted many students from countries including China, Afghanistan, Japan and Thailand.

Rose served on numerous boards, and was actively involved in many organizations, most recently with the OSU Foundation, the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation Board and Auxiliary, and the Corvallis Youth Symphony. During her lifetime, Rose received many awards for her contributions to the local community. In January, she was honored as Corvallis Patron of the Arts. Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, and daughter, Edna Kelley.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at Zion Lutheran Church, 2745 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis.

Remembrances can be made to the Corvallis Youth Symphony or Zion Lutheran Church.

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“ Farewell Rose...
What I owe you and Walter is beyond evaluation.

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“ dear Rose, I still remember so clearly in my mind how you used to cheer me up, encourage to be happy, be strong, and always have dream. I am sure you are in heaven now and be with Mr. Walter Kraft forever. Rose I love you, and you are always in my heart.

Dora Zheng - May 16, 2011 at 06:43 PM