



## Ruth Alexander

April 23, 1931 - April 13, 2012

Ruth Helen Alexander, born April 23, 1931, passed to the Lord's care on Friday, April 13, 2012, after a brief illness. She joins Fred, her husband of 51 years.

Our mother was born and raised in Waterbury, Conn., and married her Navy man, Fred Alexander. They moved to Pacifica, Calif., in 1955 to begin raising our family. They were founding members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, developing many lifelong friendships.

In 1972, they began a new adventure in Corvallis, opening Alexander's Delicatessen and Cheese House, and working at Sunnybrook Dairy. Ruth was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, serving on the altar guild and the quilting group.

Ruth is survived by her four children: son Bill Alexander and Diane, his wife, and grandchildren Kristina and Danielle of Concord, Calif.; and daughters Diane Alexander of Arlington, Va., Gayle Hinzman and Curt, her husband, of Albany, and Lynn Kellogg and Norm, her husband, also of Albany. Ruth is also survived by her brother, Bill Luschenat, his wife, Ann, of Prospect, Conn., and nephews Scott, Peter and Jeff Luschenat.

These past few months were extremely hard on Ruth, and our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Samaritan Albany General Hospital and the Mennonite Home in Albany.

Our family is planning a celebration of life for family and friends at 1:30 p.m. June 18 at Grace Lutheran Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.