



## Ruth Gates

June 25, 1921 - February 12, 2012

Ruth Gates passed away on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, at Timberhill Place, Corvallis, where she had lived with her cat, Mattie, for nearly three years. She was born in Chadron, Neb., to Roy and Mattie Tavener Gates. Ruth received her first degree in home economics from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. She continued her education in clothing and textiles at Kansas State University, where she received her Master of Science degree, and Pennsylvania State University, where she earned her doctorate. Her academic career took her to Washington, D.C., for a position in textile testing, and then to teaching positions in clothing and textiles at the University of Tennessee, Whittier College, Pennsylvania State University, Western Michigan University, and then to Oregon State University, from which she was granted emeritus status in 1984. She joined an American Friends work project in the Middle East in the 1950s, taking a leave from Whittier College, and was active in several honorary and professional associations throughout her career. Ruth enjoyed reading, world travel, opera and symphony music, recorder and guitar playing, and being a conversant with international Corvallis residents. She especially loved Oregon and visiting the Oregon Coast. She is survived by nephews Robert (Li Chuan) Gates of Roswell, Ga., and Roger (Vonda) Gates of Rapid City, S.D.; niece Sheila (Tony) Serksny of Waukesha, Wis.; sisters-in-law Jean Gates (Robert) of Median, N.Y., and Rosalie (Glenn) Gates of Canyon Lake, Texas; four grand-nephews; and one

grand-niece.

There will be no service, at her request. Memorials in her name can be made to Benton Hospice Service, or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *I worked with Ruth for awhile and enjoyed her sense of humor and stories. Quite a career and lady. She was a smart woman. Kay Dee*

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**Kay Dee Cole** - March 05, 2012 at 07:39 PM