



Ruth H. Wirth

July 17, 1918 - March 28, 2018

Ruth H. Wirth, 99, of Corvallis, passed away on March 28, 2018 due to complications from a stroke. She was born to Peter and Lydia Hansen in Niobrara, Nebraska on July 17, 1918. She was the eldest of 3 children and delivered papers for many years through the cold winters and hot summers of Nebraska. During the depression, the family moved to Kings Valley.

She married Melvin With in 1937 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They made their home in Los Angeles, CA, with their 2 young sons, Gary and Don. When Mel joined the Army in 1943, Ruth and the boys journeyed to Kings Valley, OR to spend the war years with Ruth's mother and step-father, Virgil Endicott. At the war's end, Mel joined the family in Kings Valley where daughter Colleen was born in 1951. In 1957 they moved to Corvallis where both Mel and Ruth were employed by the Physical Education departments at Oregon State University, retiring in 1982. Ruth loved her work serving thousands of students and interacting with them through her 25 year career.

During their retirement, Mel and Ruth enjoyed trips to Nebraska and California to visit family as well as to Hawaii, Alaska, and other states. After a short illness, Mel passed away in 1992. In 2006 Ruth moved to her apartment at Samaritan Village in Corvallis where she enjoyed making new friends as well as being involved in activities and family gatherings.

Ruth was a 60 year member of the Lady Elks, and she and Mel enjoyed square dancing with the Spinning Antlers. She also loved traveling, playing bunko and other card games, as well as being a huge fan of Oregon State Athletics. Her family and friends will always remember her as being a terrific cook and in particular for her "Nebraska dinners."

Above all, Ruth loved and enjoyed her family, particularly her 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She relished watching them and hearing about their sports and activities, and was very proud of each and every one of them. She and Mel would often travel many miles to see them perform in whatever activity they were doing.

She is survived by her son Gary of Central Point, Oregon; her son Don (Shirley) of Corvallis, and her daughter Colleen Wall (Bill) of Keizer, Oregon; seven grandchildren (Damon With, Tom Wirth, Jennifer Wirth, Teresa Wirth Radosevich, Alecia Kennedy Clutter, Morgan With, and Aaron Bell) and sixteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin and grandson, Tim Wirth.

A graveside service was held earlier at Oak Lawn Memorial Park. A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, April 26th at the Evangelical Church at 1525 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in her name to the Tim Wirth Memorial Scholarship Fund, OSU Foundation, 850 SW 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97333.

Ruth H. Wirth, died on Wednesday, March 28, 20018 in Corvallis. A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Evangelical Church, 1525 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 26. 2:00 PM (PT)

Corvallis Evangelical Church
1525 NW Kings Blvd.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Tomato Soup is still my favorite! Aunt Ruth was a very special person.*

Sherri Bartosz - May 02, 2018 at 12:19 PM

JN

“ *I lived next door to the Wirths for many years. Ruth was always so kind and so cheerful. When I took swimming lessons at the OSU Women's Building, it was always a treat to have Ruth help us in the locker room. She will be missed by many, many people. All who knew her were blessed by her. I am so sorry for your loss, Don, Gary, and Colleen. I know there is a big hole in your hearts with her passing. May it be some comfort to know that she is dancing and singing for the Lord now.*

Jonnie Marie (Roberts) Newman

Jonnie Newman - April 17, 2018 at 03:05 PM

CE

“ *Ruth spent many nights supporting her grandkids on the CV campus. Thanks to the entire Wirth family for all your support and I am sorry for your loss*

Craig Ellingson

Craig Ellingson - April 07, 2018 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ *Janice Bonomo lit a candle in memory of Ruth H. Wirth*



Janice Bonomo - April 05, 2018 at 06:40 PM

EB

“ *I worked with Ruth at the women's building on OSU's campus during summer months for a few years. She and Marie Boyer made working there a lot of fun and provided many good laughs. I was so glad that my mom, Mary Bell, had told me when she was in the Mennonite Nursing home last year during some rehab so I got to spend a little time with her reliving the good times and getting the chance to meet Colleen who I had not seen in decades. Ruth was so grateful, Colleen, for all that you were doing for her. She was a special lady and will be missed by many.*

esther bell - April 05, 2018 at 02:28 PM

SW

“ *I will miss Ruth, but know she is serving our Lord, Jesus now. She was a lovely lady and I was blessed to have met her while attending Corvallis Evangelical Church. Sharon Woodall.*

Sharon Woodall - March 30, 2018 at 08:06 PM

JL

“ *Your loss is heaven's gain. Sending love and prayers. Zane and Janey Lidgren*

Janey Lidgren - March 29, 2018 at 07:44 PM