



Thelma Hamm

October 8, 1915 - March 9, 2008

Thelma Elnora Hamm of Philomath passed away peacefully March 9 at the Corvallis Manor. She was 92 years old. Thelma was born in Pleasant Valley-Sweet Home, Oregon on October 8, 1915 to Fred and Ruby (Hawk) Smith. During her youth she lived in; Sweet Home, Black Rock, Munkers' Station-West Scio, and Philomath. She met Bruce Hamm Sr. while picking hops in the hop fields by what is now Crystal Lake Drive. They married on August 25, 1932. They purchased a ranch west of Philomath and raised a family of 5 children... Thelma was a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to five generations of Oregon loggers. Thelma worked in the cannery located on 9th St in Corvallis for many years. She then worked in the shoe dept. at the Corvallis JC Penny's store until retirement. She also canned all her own fruits and vegetables. She knitted many pairs of slippers to cover her grandchildren's feet and afghans to warm them... She enjoyed a monthly game of cards, and her bowling league. She traveled to many far away places. She enjoyed her home, flowers, and family. Her main claim to fame were the dill pickles she enjoyed sharing with her family. Thelma was preceded in death by her husband Bruce Sr., two brothers; Milo and Floyd, and a Sister; Wilma (Billy). She is survived by her; Son, Bruce Jr & (Janeth) of Philomath, Daughter; Laura Knudson & (Dick) of Philomath, Son; Stephen & (Sharon) of Sisters, Son; Ronald & (Sue) of Corvallis, Son ;Timothy & (Lana) of Olympia WA, Sister; Marlene Taylor of Porterville, CA, as well as 16 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and

other family members. There will be a graveside service for the family at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Corvallis at 2:30 on Thursday March 13,2008 The service will be given by her son Tim Hamm. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to Benton Hospice Service in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember her dill pickles, her love to me when my mother got sick, her constant concern about not just her children but all the children who ran in and out of her and Uncle Bruce's home. I got to visit with her, briefly not it seems, at her home in Corvallis many months ago after running into her daughter in law in Sister quite by accident. She said her and Laura would love to have lunch sometime and please not to forg't to stop by again. I did call her a few times but never got there...so sorry. She was a huge strength to me when I was a small child and I hope she remembered me with kindness as I do her and all of you children. She also made the best pie and of course cookies I ever ate. I just drove past her home by the hospital today at the Mobile Park and told my daughter we should stop. I am so sorry I didn't know this in time to make the service. Laura...If you still want to do lunch sometime, please call or email me.
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“ I will always remember Aunt Thel as being so happy to always see everyone. She was so caring and loving all the time. I remember mom and I going into JC Penney when I was young and Thel was always there to visit for a minute. All our memories of her will always be cherished.

Coleen Lossett - March 13, 2008 at 03:28 PM