



## Velda Brust

December 30, 1923 - July 4, 2007

Velda J. Brust was born in LaPorte City, IA to Charles and Floy Brust on December 30, 1923. She graduated from high school in LaPorte City and worked in the County Treasurer's Office. During World War II she was a machinist for Northrop Aircraft in Southern California. She attended Oregon State University where she received her B.S, and later her M.S. degrees. Velda taught physical education at Corvallis High School for two years and then attended the University of Southern California where she received an Occupational Therapy (OT) Certificate. She was an OT at Children's Hospital in Eugene and Assistant Director of the OT School at the University of Puget Sound. She returned to OSU and taught physical education, pre-therapy and human anatomy courses. She was known as an outstanding teacher as well an effective adviser for many students. She retired as an Associate Professor in 1982 after a twenty-three year career.

Velda was involved with the operation of Camp Tamarack, a girls' camp in Central Oregon and spent over twenty five years at this popular camp. She was a positive role-model for campers in enhancing their outdoor experience. Velda also was well known for her years at Lake Creek Lodge, as one of the managing partners who could and often did fix anything. She spent her summers and early fall in this beautiful setting in the Metolius Basin and enjoyed knowing and interacting with the many guests who returned year after year.

Velda had a long-lasting influence on women's athletics at Oregon State. She

was head of the Women's Recreation Association, the organization that was involved with sports participation for women. She coached basketball and tennis and was a supporter of women's athletics as the programs grew. She especially was a fan of the Women's Basketball program. She also had a love of travel and visited many countries. Her strong advocacy for the rights of women and persons with disabilities was a life-long commitment.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. Dick Brust of Monmouth, several nieces, nephews and her many dear friends. She will be greatly missed. A

Celebration of Life will be held at the Clubhouse at Adair Village, 6097 NE Ebony Lane on Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m. Contributions in her memory may be made to OSU Foundation, Women's Basketball Program in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, OR 97330.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Velda was a dear friend of mine for over forty five years. I first met her on my pre-teenage trips to Camp Tamarack near Sister's Oregon. My sister, Margaret Lumpkin was one of the owners of that camp and my weeks in Oregon were always additionally special because of Velda. (She even taught me to drive a dump truck!) Velda last traveled to my home in Morehead City just a month before her death, and I'm so glad we had that extra time together. I miss her greatly and will always remember her as a wonderful friend.

*Lee Lumpkin*

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**W Lee Lumpkin III** - July 29, 2007 at 12:22 PM

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“ Dr. Brust. Very sorry to hear about your sister. Hope all is well with you and your family.

*Michelle (Oglesbee) Flores Shelly (Oglesbee) Davis*

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**Michelle Oglesbee Flores** - July 14, 2007 at 10:40 PM