



Velma Hoiseth

April 1, 1923 - January 14, 2016

Velma M. Hoiseth, 92, of Salem, formerly of Corvallis, died Thursday, January 14, at Salem Hospital.

Velma was born April 1, 1923 to Heinrich Christoph Ruben and Emma Magdaline (Meyer) Oelschlager in Palmer, Kansas. Velma attended Lutheran schools in Linn and Palmer, Kansas and graduated from Linn Rural High School in 1940. Her father was a visionary who always told her she needed to finish high school so she could support herself if it were ever necessary.

In 1942, Velma moved to Kansas City to work in a defense plant in support of the war effort. On May 26, 1944, she married handsome sailor, Marvel A. Hoiseth, at Camp Parks, California. After the war ended in 1945, Marvel and Velma moved to Corvallis, where they raised their four children, Rodney, Richard, Gail, and Mark. In the early years of their marriage, Velma was a homemaker and bookkeeper for Marvel's construction business. In 1966, Velma went to work in the Registrar's Office at Oregon State University. She eventually became the Graduation Clerk, and was soon lovingly nicknamed "Inspector 12" because of her attention to detail. During her 10 years in that job, she processed 33,945 bachelors' degrees, including those of her two oldest sons. After Velma's retirement in December, 1985, she and Marvel traveled in their RV and spent precious time with their two grandchildren until Marvel's death in 1998. In the spring of 2010, Velma moved to Salem to be

closer to family.

Velma loved to care for her yard, especially her rose bushes, and was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church from 1945 until health problems forced her to give up many of her activities there. She had been a Sunday School teacher and a member of Ruth Circle, LLL, and AAL, and she and Marvel were sponsors of the baptismal stained glass window in the church. Velma also loved attending the Senior potlucks and sewing quilts for the mission fields.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Marvel, and brothers, Vernon, Leonard, and Kenneth Oelschlager.

She is survived by her sister, Norma Williams of Topeka, Kansas; sister-in-law, Vera Oelschlager of Ft. Worth, Texas; sons, Rod (Junko) of Japan, Rick (Amparo) of Albany, and Mark of Salem; daughter, Gail (Leeann) Lucas of Jefferson; grandchildren, Eric and Kari Solberg; great-granddaughters, Kaitlynn and Jessie Lynn Solberg; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, January 22nd, at McHenry Funeral Home. A Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 23rd, at Zion Lutheran Church in Corvallis where the casket will be open beginning at 1 p.m. ASL interpretation will be provided. Burial will follow at Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will gather for a meal, socializing, and celebrating Velma's life in the Fireside Room at Zion following interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vina Moses Center in Corvallis or Zion's LWML Quilters, sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Funeral Service

JAN **23**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Zion Lutheran Church
2745 NW Harrison Blvd
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall



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