



## Venetia Ankner

December 18, 1920 - March 2, 2008

Venetia Ankner, 87 died Sunday at Corvallis Manor. Born December 18, 1920 in Somersworth, New Hampshire; she was the daughter of Alexander and Portia (Demogenes) Valasakos. Venetia was a registered nurse and served as First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army—European Theatre during World War II. It was there that she met Captain Charles Francis Ankner, who had been wounded. They married August 16, 1945 at LaMadeleine in Paris, France. When they returned from the war, they settled in New York City, New York where Charles' family resided. The couple had four daughters, Patricia, Ethel, Constance and Valerie. While the children were young, Venetia was a stay at home Mom who also volunteered in many different venues. She later resumed her successful nursing career. Charles work took the family to many different locations around the country; they finally settled in Palos Verdes, California. Even after she became a widow, Venetia continued to live in California until her battle with Alzheimer's disease necessitated that she move to Corvallis Caring Place to be near her daughter, Valerie. Her children remember her as a supportive wife and loving mother and grandmother who totally devoted herself to the service of others.

Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 36 years, Charles who passed in 1981; brothers Spiro, John, and Lou; sister Rose and grandson Christopher Banner; Venetia is survived by her sister Ann Valasakos; four daughters Patricia (John) Forelle of New York City and Pine Plains, New York, Ethel Ankner Kimball of Danville, California, Constance Frances Ankner of Chula

Vista, California and Valerie (Craig) Banner of Corvallis, Oregon; six grandchildren Charles Conrad Forelle (Megan Von Reinhart Forelle), Luke Ankner Forelle, Michael Ryan Kimball, Matthew Ankner Jackson Kimball, Mark Andre Ankner and Katharine Michelle Banner.

The family requests memorial donations in Venetia's name directed to ARC of Corvallis in care of McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, Oregon 97330. Venetia will be laid to rest next to her beloved Charles at the Los Angeles National Cemetery in May.