



Virginia Wilt

December 8, 1919 - January 28, 2011

Virginia O. Wilt passed away at home in Corvallis with her children by her side.

Virginia was born on Dec. 8, 1919, in Portland to William and Margarethe “Tillie” Albers Gehrs. Virginia was raised and educated in Portland, graduating from Franklin High School in 1937. She then attended Oregon State University, graduating in secretarial science in 1942. Soon after, Virginia married Stanley Wilt in Boise, Idaho. Together they lived in Corvallis, busy with a full life of raising a family and business, community and social activities. Virginia enjoyed the Junior Women’s Club, of which she served as president, and enjoyed serving as a candy striper for Good Samaritan Hospital. She was a member of the Corvallis Country Club, Tillicum’s Dance Club and the Lady Elks, and worked with the Boy Scouts. Virginia was an active member of the YMCA, where she volunteered her time as a swimming instructor for the physically challenged.

Virginia had a great love of travel, and was always looking forward to her next journey. She was an avid Beaver fan and tennis fan. She belonged to the Timberhill Racket Club, where she enjoyed the game of tennis and loved the fellowship she enjoyed with her tennis friends.

She had a great love of handwork, and always had a knitting or needlepoint project in process. Virginia had a great curiosity for life, and was always pursuing anything new on the horizon.

Virginia is survived by a son, William S. Wilt of Portland; a daughter, Lesley

McCann of Corvallis; six grandchildren, Kristin, Alisha, Aaron, Margarethe, Travis and Jennifer; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; and a son, Dana.

Memorial services will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at McHenry Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis, the Old Mill Center for Children and Families, or the Benton County Foundation, in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.