



Winnifred Marie Mathews

April 4, 1922 - January 15, 2016

Winnifred Marie McFarland-Mathews passed peacefully at her home in Albany on Jan. 15, 2016.

Born April 4, 1922, to Alfred and Emma Severson Oihus in Grafton, North Dakota, she grew up ice skating with her siblings and friends in the frozen winter. Summers were filled with the visits to Manitoba and dancing at the grange on Saturday evening. Winnie graduated from high school and worked for the telephone company in Grafton. Later she joined her sisters in Napa, California, where she worked on Mare Island in the munitions department for the US Navy. She met Robert Allen McFarland and they were married Jan. 3, 1943. When Bob returned to the Pacific, the couple was stationed in Bremerton, Washington.

After separation from the Navy, the couple settled in the Burnt Woods area in 1946. They later moved to the Corvallis area. Winnie worked for Oregon State University as a bookkeeper I accountant in the music, forestry and botany departments for the next 30 years, retiring in 1983. Robert passed in October of 1983.

Winnie volunteered at the senior center, and traveled to Napa, California, Grafton, North Dakota, Hawaii and Lake Shasta with family. She enjoyed her exercise classes and movies with friends. In 1987 she met and married Theodore Mathews of Lebanon. They kept busy with their lovely yard and

gardening. They remodeled their home and always had a project going.

Winnifred was preceded in death by her parents; husband Robert McFarland; sisters Lois Zinke and Helen Freeman of Napa, California; brother Art Oihus of Grafton, North Dakota; and Theodore Mathews.

She is survived by her brother, Bob of Grafton; daughters Billie and Nick Kaiser of Aurora, Lynda and Doug Ellingson of Albany, Janice and Robert Taylor of Wisconsin; granddaughter Traci Nofziger of Canby; grandsons Eric and Kelly Kaiser of Corvallis, Brian and Yoshio Kaiser of Beaverton, Mike and Maggie Ellison of Salem, Jonathon Taylor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Jennifer Taylor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Sam Taylor, of New York, New York. Winnie had seven great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She had a strong spirit, and was a long time member of the Grace Lutheran Church of Corvallis. She had many treasured friends and will be dearly missed all who knew her.

A private interment at Oak Lawn in Corvallis will be followed by a celebration of her life, date to be determined later.

Donations may be made to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, care of McHenry Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Teri (Quetschke) Stephens lit a candle in memory of Winnifred Marie Mathews



Teri (Quetschke) Stephens - February 04, 2016 at 11:23 PM

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I am deeply saddened to see your passing. You will be missed by so many.

Teri (Quetschke) Stephens - February 04, 2016 at 11:28 PM

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“ Erin Morgan lit a candle in memory of Winnifred Marie Mathews



Erin Morgan - January 20, 2016 at 01:19 PM

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I am eternally grateful to Winnifred for coming all the way to ND to see her brother Arthur because he was too sick to fly. Thank you Winnie you made my Dad very happy in what turned out to be the last weeks of his life.

When I was a little girl I always liked to call her Aunt Winnifred instead of Winnie. I thought it was such a regal name that I was sure she was Viking Royalty. Godspeed Winnifred, say hi to my Mom and Dad.

Your Niece Erin Morgan

Erin Morgan - January 20, 2016 at 01:24 PM