



Alice Moore

June 30, 1915 - March 19, 2012

Alice was born on June 30, 1915, at the family home to parents Edwin T. and Katharine H. Reed. The middle child of three, Alice enjoyed a childhood on the large farm property located in southwest Corvallis. The farm was given the poetic name “Knollbrook” by her father, the Oregon State College editor of publications, but Alice said she and her siblings thought the name was pretentious, rather than poetic.

Alice’s memoirs tell of the joys of learning to swim in the local river, watched over by mother Katie, a nonswimmer who was terrified of the water; of eating fruit from their orchard and wild berry bushes, but not liking the chore of canning that fruit; of joyfully chasing her mother’s chickens, but disliking the itchy job of plucking the carcasses; and watching the threshing crews during the wheat harvest, much impressed by the fellow who wove wreaths of wheat for the children.

Her memoirs recount the arrival of many technological wonders during her childhood. Alice was fascinated by the addition of a cream separator, icebox, vacuum cleaner, phonograph, telephone and other modern marvels to the household, and said that they knew the “modern times” they were living in would never become the “olden days.” “What more could possibly be invented?” she recalled thinking.

Alice, always a good student and fond of school, graduated from Corvallis High School and Oregon State College. A lifelong love of babies and children, and a young girl’s vow to marry and have eight children (which she said

probably drove away a suitor or two), resulted in her marriage in 1937 to forester Spencer “Tenny” Moore, and the predicted eight children arrived over the next 18 years.

Alice’s degree in home economics served her well in the raising of those eight children. The growing Moore family followed the forester’s wanderings to several locations in Oregon, to Colorado, then back to Corvallis, where Tenny was supervisor of the Siuslaw National Forest. During those years, in addition to raising her own brood, Alice was a home day-care provider for many lucky babies and taught preschool for several years at First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis.

A few years after her husband’s death in 1988 in Vancouver, Wash., where he was supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Alice returned to the home in Corvallis which had been built in 1925 for her great-grandparents, spending several years in that cottage next door to the home in which she had been born.

Following a stroke 10 years ago, she became one of the first residents at the new Stoneybrook Assisted Living, and lived there happily until a short illness took her willingly to reunite with her family in heaven at age 96. Her last days were monitored with great care and kindness by the staff at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

Alice was preceded in death by her sister, Ethel; brother, Stephen; husband, Tenny; and youngest son, Timothy. She is survived by her children Michael (Carolyn) of Herndon, Va., Susanne Truscott of Corvallis, Marylou Montgomery of Pleasanton, Calif., Robert of Seattle, Wash., Patrick (Lori) of Danville, Ky., Peggy Kibbel (Brad) of Issaquah, Wash., and Daniel of Richmond, Va. Alice leaves 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren who will continue to tell merry tales of the glorious meals made by their Granny Alice, and of the overflowing toy closet under the stairs.

The family will hold a private celebration of Alice’s life. Interment will take place at Oaklawn Memorial Park.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.

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