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Edith Elizabeth Bothman, 99, passed away May 31, 2014 at The Villas, Brookdale Senior Living, Albany, Oregon.

Born Edith Elizabeth Baldwin on June 5, 1914, in Preble, New York, she was the daughter of Ira and Pearl Baldwin. She graduated from Tully High School in 1932. In 1936 she received her RN at Syracuse Memorial Hospital and was a member of the Nursing School's Agenda Honorary Society.

Betty married Clyde Kernek, MD, in 1938. She resided in San Antonio, Texas, Holdenville, Oklahoma, and Wellesley, Massachusetts, before moving to Corvallis, Oregon in 1954. Dr. Kernek died in 1977. She married Nicholas H. Bothman in 1978 and relocated from Corvallis, to Albany in 1994. Mr. Bothman died in 2004. She was preceded in death by her sister, Meribeth Schermerhorn, and two brothers, Sereno and Morris Baldwin.

Surviving her are three sons: Clyde B. Kernek of Shepherdstown, West Virginia; Sterling J. Kernek of Macomb, Illinois; and Steven P. Kernek of Portland, Oregon. Also surviving are two stepsons: Robert Bothman of Portland, Oregon; and Bill Bothman of Tacoma, Washington. She leaves ten

grandchildren, four step grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, ten step great-grandchildren, and four step great-great-grandchildren.

Betty helped establish the nursery at the First Baptist Church in Corvallis, and she provided decades of volunteer service to the Benton County Red Cross, Benton County Civil Defense, the Benton County Medical Auxiliary, and the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary. In Holdenville, Oklahoma, she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and while living in Corvallis she belonged to the Garden Club and the First Baptist Church. After moving from Corvallis, she attended the Eastside Christian Church in Albany.

She was interred at Oaklawn Memorial Park in Corvallis.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Oregon Pacific Chapter, 862 Bethel Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97402.

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“ My name is Diane McGowan and I am a registered nurse and worked for Dr. Kernek from about 1968 (around that year) until he retired. I have many fond memories of him and Betty. She was very involved in the office and came around regularly to make sure things were going as needed. They were great to work with. I visited Betty on occasion in Albany at the retirement center. I also remember Nick Bothman very well. He was a very nice man. The last time I saw Betty; which was last summer; she was doing very well and seemed happy. She was an amazing person.

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