



Elinor Wilcox

July 19, 1925 - June 19, 2012

Elinor Pearl Wilcox, 86, died unexpectedly Tuesday, June 19, at her home in Corvallis. She was born near Eugene on July 19, 1925, to Dewey Wood and Dorothy Barnes Wood DeFord. On Aug. 31, 1943, she was united in marriage to Harold E. Wilcox of Peabody, Kan.

Elinor was a homemaker, a mother of three and a coordinator for the ENLIT program at the Newton Public Library in Newton, Kan., where she enjoyed sharing her love of literature with her elderly and shut-in patrons. Following the death of her husband, she returned to her childhood home in Oregon in 1991. There she worked as a volunteer for the public library and mentored individuals through Community Outreach Inc.

She enjoyed visiting the coast, taking drives through the mountains, growing plants and flowers, and eating with her “lunch bunch ladies.”

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and by her brothers Victor and Lloyd Wood.

Her survivors include her children, Doug and wife Kathy Wilcox of Wichita, Kan., Cathy and husband Dan Dietrich of Riverside, Calif., and Cheryl and husband Keith Jost of Hillsboro, Kan.; six grandchildren, Christopher Wilcox of Dodge’s Ferry, Tasmania, Australia, Stephanie and husband Glen Carter of Easton, Kan., Brooke and husband Ken Haas, and Ryan and wife Tammy Dietrich, all of Lancaster, Calif., and Meghan Jost and Alex Jost of Hillsboro, Kan.; four great-grandchildren, Tyler and Hannah Haas of Lancaster, Calif., and Keenan and Ava Pearl Wilcox of Dodge’s Ferry, Tasmania, Australia; sisters Elizabeth Goos of Mulino, Ore., and Jeanne Van Zandt of Branchville, N.J.; and many nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, a service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 29, at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home in Corvallis.

A memorial fund has been established to benefit Community Outreach Inc.; donations may be sent in care of the funeral home.