



Evelyn Ann Hoffman

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Evelyn Ann Hoffman of Corvallis peacefully died in her sleep on Sept. 4, 2013, at the age of 98.

She was born Dec. 9, 1914, in Chicago, Ill., to Minnie and John Woeckener. She attended schools in Berwyn and Cicero, Ill. After graduating from high school, she continued her studies at Presbyterian Hospital Nursing School, graduating to become a registered nurse licensed by the state of Illinois in 1937.

She met her future husband, Dr. John Miller Hoffman, at the free Rush Medical Pediatric Clinic, which was affiliated with the nursing school. They were married in May 1940, and soon started a family with the birth of their first daughter, Susan.

After the war the family moved to Tigard, then in 1949 to McMinnville, where Dr. John Hoffman had started a surgical practice. Daughters Ann, Elizabeth and Barbara were added to the family.

Evelyn involved herself in many volunteer organizations. She also taught Sunday school and sang in the choir at First United Methodist Church. She

was a member of PEO Chapter Y, the Shakespeare Club, the Garden Club and the Book Club, and had a treasured group of friends in her bridge club.

She volunteered at the McMinnville Library, and became a member of the staff as a children's librarian. She later was part of the general staff. She loved reading stories to the children at Children's Hour, and also tracking down the answers to the many unusual questions she received in her role as reference librarian. Reading was a true passion for her, one she continued throughout her life.

Evelyn also liked to travel. Through the Elderhostel program, she visited more than 19 different countries, some of them two or three times. Amazingly, her travels started at around the age of 60, and continued for the next 20 years!

In 1999, Evelyn moved to Stoneybrook Lodge in Corvallis to be closer to two of her daughters. She continued to fulfill her curiosity and enjoyment of life by taking part in the many activities available. She met many new friends and quickly involved herself in volunteer work.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John Miller Hoffman, in 1964. She is survived by her four daughters; three sons-in-law, Mario, Jack and Karl; a sister, Anne Robertson; and a grandson, John Eidman.

In lieu of flowers, the daughters suggest memorial contributions be made to your local hospice or favorite library.

A celebration of Evelyn's remarkable life will be planned in a few weeks.