



Gwendolyn Mae Rogers

December 25, 1930 - June 13, 2024

Gwendolyn Rogers (nee Hathaway)

Age 93 of Albany, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 13, 2024.

Born December 25, 1930 in Pontiac, Michigan. Gwen was a daughter to Edward J. and Laura P. Hathaway, and lived in Rossville, Illinois until the family moved to Oregon in 1943.

In 1954, Gwen married James Thomas and the two resided in Woodland, Washington. Two daughters were born from that union: Polly Lynn Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Thomas (Mears).

After divorcing, Gwen and her two daughters moved to Corvallis in 1957 where she took a position at the Oregon State University Bookstore. After a dedicated career as department manager, Gwen retired from the bookstore in 1990.

In 1973, She married Mr. Robert O. Rogers and they enjoyed a wonderful life together until his passing in 1987.

In 1996 Gwen moved to Albany to live at the Mennonite Village where her favorite activities were reading, assembling puzzles, and traveling. She visited

Europe, The Bahamas, Alaska, and twice to Hawaii. She also returned to Illinois to visit where she had spent her younger years. Locally, her favorite destination was the Oregon coast including its multiple tribal casinos.

Gwen was preceded in death by her daughter: Polly Lynn Thomas, and her husband: Robert O. Rogers.

She is survived by her daughter: Liz Mears (nee Thomas) of Albany; two brothers: Mike (Lois) Hathaway of Florida and Jim (Julie) Hathaway of Arizona; sister: Laura (Mark) Holloway of Beaverton, and her four grandchildren: Polly Cornwell of California, Benjamin Mears of California, Brandee Mears of Hillsboro, and Spencer Mears of Albany.

She is also survived by her two great-grandchildren: Hudson Cornwell and Declan Seal, both of Sacramento, California.

Per Gwen's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded and there will be no ceremony.

Memorial contributions can be made as gifts in Gwen's name to the Albany Carousel Foundation, the Albany Mennonite Village Foundation, and/or the Albany library.