



## Judith Hooker

April 14, 1931 - July 7, 2011

Judith Hooker (nee Tucker), 80, of Corvallis died Thursday in her home surrounded by family. Judy lived her life with grace and optimism and touched countless lives with her gentle, loving and generous spirit. She will be deeply missed by her extended family and many friends.

Judy was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1931 to Frances and Edward Tucker. She grew up in Birmingham and had joyful memories of summers spent at Camp Arbutus in northern Michigan, where she met lifelong friends.

She graduated from Kingswood /Cranbrook high school and attended Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where she met Kent Hooker, and together they had three children. Judy was a nurturing, loving and supportive mother and she encouraged her children to follow their own vision and passions. The Hooker family lived in Lexington and then Dublin, Ohio, for several years before moving to Wexford, Pennsylvania.

Judy completed her undergraduate degree and earned a graduate degree in education at Slippery Rock State College and taught second grade in the North Allegheny school system outside Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for more than 20 years. She cared deeply about her students and felt blessed to have a career that was so enjoyable and meaningful to her.

Energetic, adventurous and naturally curious, Judy enjoyed world traveling. Many summers she would travel with friends to stay at Chautauqua Institute, a retreat in western New York, where she took a wide range of classes in art, music, philosophy and religion.

In 2000, Judy moved from Pennsylvania to Corvallis, Oregon, to be closer to her daughter and other family members. She greatly enjoyed her grandchildren and followed their activities with a keen interest. Her faith was very important to her, and she was a member of the Episcopal church throughout her life.

Survivors: Daughter Karen Hooker and her husband Ken Provencher of Corvallis; son Thomas Hooker and his wife Kristen Rabe of Arlington, Texas; son Daniel Hooker and his wife Mary of Bellingham, Washington. Four grandchildren, Christopher and Andrew Provencher and Maddy and Liam Hooker.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis or the Corvallis Caring Place.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *All of my love and prayers I send. I only think so fondly of Judy...she was so positive, caring just lovely inside and out.*

Debbie Chase van der Bol - July 14, 2011 at 01:37 PM

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“ *I just wanted to say that I was so sorry to hear about Aunt Judy passing away. She was the best. She was my friend and my favorite aunt. I will miss her so much, but know that she is with God now and in the best hands possible.*

Catherine Miles (Tucker) - July 13, 2011 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Dear Tom and family, I was very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing and hope that she is resting comfortably in her new home. I have fond memories of your Mother and how nice she was to all us kids. Though I was just the younger sister of big brother John I attended many events that the Hookers attended and your mom was so nice and pleasant and always cheering on the team. I can remember her beautiful hair and the smile she gave when greeting us. Hope time will lessen your pain. My thoughts are with your family. Polly Rogeri*

Polly Rogeri - July 11, 2011 at 05:05 PM

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“ *Karen, may you find comfort in the knowledge that your mother was so proud of you and your family. Sincere sympathies to you and all of your family.*

Carmen Steggell - July 11, 2011 at 04:38 PM

JR

“ *4My Aunt Judy was someone I looked up to. She was always there for us kids and always thought of us. She will be extremely missed by all of us. God has a special place in Heaven for her and now she can be with her Mother again. I love her dearly and am sad she's gone but I know she's in a better place now. With a loving heart,*  
*Joan Russako (her niece)*

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**Joan Russako** - July 09, 2011 at 05:51 PM

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“ *Judith Hooker*

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**Jack Rowe** - July 08, 2011 at 04:06 PM