



## Madge Caroline Martin

January 7, 1924 - May 2, 2015

Madge Caroline Blancken Martin was born January 7, 1924, on the family farm SE of Flagler, Colorado. She was the third daughter of George and Wilhelminia (Settgast) Blancken and was welcomed by her two sisters, Helen and Harriet, and brother, George Jr. Later she helped babysit a brother, Richard, and three more sisters, Velma, Eunice, and Nona, during the 1930's depression and dust bowl era of Eastern Colorado.

Madge was baptized and confirmed at the Zion Lutheran Church in Flagler, CO. She attended the Second Central country school and graduated from Flagler High School. During high school she played the trombone in the school band and played softball during the summer time while helping her parents on the farm until she joined her sister, Harriet, working at the Goodyear Station in Denver, CO. It was here where Madge met her future husband, LaVern Martin, who was stationed at Lowery Air Force Base.

While LaVern was overseas, Madge returned home to stay with her parents and await the birth of son, LaVern Delmar, who was born at the Flagler Hospital. After Vern's discharge, they returned to his home at Caldwell, Idaho, later moving to Hermiston, Oregon, building houses. Their son, Delmar, was severely injured in a swimming accident, at the age of 15, finished high school with his class, graduated with a master's degree and became a junior high science and math teacher in Corvallis, Oregon, where Delmar met his future wife, Elizabeth Kalowski. After Vern retired from carpentry work, he and

Madge began their own real estate company in Philomath, Timbertown Realty.

You might say that Madge and Vern never left any grass grow under their feet--gardening and canning. Madge developed her artistic skills of ceramics, drawing, and artwork. She was also well known as a quilter and completed the quilt that her mother, Minnie Blancken, and the Second Central Club ladies began in the 1940's. Madge donated the quilt to the Flagler historic Second Central School and it is on display there.

Madge was preceded in death by her husband, LaVern, and son, Delmar, sisters Julia Marie, Helen Wake and Harriet Jones; also two brothers George and Richard Blancken. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, who so faithfully cared for Madge in Corvallis; Elizabeth's, sons, Peter and Alex Moeller and Delmar's foster son Gordon Worden. Also her "adopted" family: Josef Rene Argueta and wife Lisa and children Sara and Isaac, Rene's sister Emilia and husband Greg Short and children Emily Zuniga, Victor Zuniga, Amanda Short, Zachary Short. Surviving sisters are Velma (George) Nordine of Bloomington, IL, Eunice (Laurel) Niemann of Flagler, CO, Nona (Arnold, recently deceased) Zielke of Lemmon, SD, and sister-in-law, Joy (Richard) Blancken of Flagler, CO. as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Madge will also be remembered as the granddaughter of Diedrich and Marie Blancken who homesteaded west of Flagler, a niece of Henry and Mary Blancken who operated the Flagler Hotel in Flagler in the early 1900's, a niece of Oliver and Minnie Blancken and Natalie and Elmer Kueker all of Flagler. Both Diedrich, Henry and their families were charter members of Flagler Zion Lutheran Church, Mo. Synod with services first meeting in their homes.

There are no real words that can express the love and devotion that Madge had for her families--a devoted wife and mother, a daughter and sister. We all depended on Madge for her wisdom, advice and her Christian faith. There is

not enough space to write of all the good works and hard work she has done in her life time. Madge will be missed. She is now at home in heaven.

Madge died at the age of 91 on May 2, 2015, at her son and daughter-in-laws home in Corvallis, Oregon. Donations can be given to Evergreen Hospice. Family and friends are invited to her Funeral Service, 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2015 at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home, 815 NW Buchanan Avenue, Corvallis, with burial at Twin Oaks Memorial Park immediately following service. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demosdurdan.com](http://www.demosdurdan.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Twin Oaks Memorial Park

34275 Riverside Dr Sw,  
Albany, OR

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (PT)

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory  
815 NW Buchanan Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall

VE

“ Virginia Estal lit a candle in memory of Madge Caroline Martin



Virginia Estal - May 12, 2015 at 03:44 PM

VE

“ I will miss Aunt Madge, she was truly great person. I remember the last time Perry and I took my Mom to visit with her sister. They made a quilt together , which I have. It was a great time. Niece Virginia Estal

Virginia Estal - May 12, 2015 at 03:44 PM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - May 12, 2015 at 02:46 PM

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“ David Ocker lit a candle in memory of Madge Caroline Martin



David Ocker - May 11, 2015 at 01:35 PM

DO

“ Great Aunt Madge Martin had a very warm heart. All of the memories I have of her are so vivid it seems like yesterday, even though I was younger. The camping trips, boating, fishing, holiday meals, her working in her garden, eating the fruits of the orchard, and everything else will last forever. I will always remember her laughter and hugs. Thank you Great Aunt.

*I am happy for you. You are home now.*

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**David Ocker** - May 11, 2015 at 01:34 PM

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“ Aunt Madge was truly a woman of faith and cared deeply for all of her family. She will be missed dearly.

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**Carolyn Stevens and family - niece** - May 10, 2015 at 10:38 AM

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“ Aunt Madge always had time to listen. She shared her quilting ideas with me and asked what I thought. Her love and generosity has helped me and my family through some very hard and dark times. We had a wonderful person in Aunt Madge. We will miss her so much.

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**Helen Morehouse - niece** - May 07, 2015 at 04:19 PM

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**Helen Morehouse - niece** - May 07, 2015 at 04:19 PM

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**Charlotte Gibbs** - May 07, 2015 at 08:59 AM

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*Aunt Madge was kind and caring always. She cared if you got your feelings hurt. She cared if you knew the Lord. In family gatherings she was reserve, but when she hard something funny she had a loud laugh. She was a follower of Christ. We spoke often about the Lord. Days before her death I spoke with her on the phone. We spoke of where she was headed. She looked forward to that day and was ready. I will miss her Christmas greetings.*

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**Charlotte Gibbs** - May 07, 2015 at 09:52 AM

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“ *I will miss Great Aunt Madge....she was a sweet lady. I did enjoyed to hear from her by a letter or christmas card. I wish to go there and visit there but I have too many what I would like to go places to places. I will pray for this families and hugs!*

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**Sarah (Gibbs) Treuer** - May 06, 2015 at 08:00 PM

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“ *Sarah (Gibbs) Treuer lit a candle in memory of Madge Caroline Martin*



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**Sarah (Gibbs) Treuer** - May 06, 2015 at 07:57 PM

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“ Aunt Madge was her own person. She did not participate in gossip and would stay out of family disagreements. You could count on Aunt Madge to be the same whenever you talked to her or seen her, no matter how long in between. As a child I remember her canning expertise that no one could outdo. Always Kind. Always thoughtful and caring.

*I was hoping to see her before I leave earth. I guess I still will, see her that is in time.*

*Prayers to everyone and love*

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**Darleen Nash (niece)** - May 06, 2015 at 03:23 PM