



Martha Harmsen Peterson

February 16, 1918 - September 1, 2009

Anna died of natural causes on Tuesday, Sept. 1, in Springfield. She was 91.

She was born in Burnt Woods to Pliny and Bertha Johnson Binford.

Anna was a lifelong Oregon resident, living primarily in Summit and the Depoe Bay area. She attended Eddyville School, later to graduate from Merritt Davis Business College in Salem.

She was a 4-H club leader in Summit for several years, and later a member of the Depoe Bay Garden Club, enjoying gardening, painting, sewing her own clothes, and quilting. She took pleasure in cooking fudge, apple pies and barbecue sauce from her own recipe. She was a delight to those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Martin Harmsen in 1968 and Carl Peterson in 1980; four sisters, Edna Huntsman, Pearl Tullock, Alma Olmstead and Irene McEldowney; and one brother, Paul "Earl" Binford.

Anna is survived by her two sons, Ronald Harmsen of Washougal, Wash., and John Harmsen and his wife, Valerie, of Springfield; five grandchildren; one step-grandson; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Oak Lawn Memorial Park, 2245 S.W. Whiteside Drive, Corvallis. Bob Weinberger will officiate.