



Mary McCain

October 26, 1915 - February 5, 2012

Mary McCain, 96, died Feb. 5, 2012.

She was born Oct. 26, 1915, to Edith and Benjamin Koos, in Enid, Okla. She grew up in Ames, Iowa, graduating from high school in 1932, and from Iowa State University in 1936.

She moved to Chicago, Ill., where she married Patrick Dooley McCain in 1940.

She loved dancing, reading and fishing and was active in Girl Scouts as a young mother.

When the family moved to Memphis, Tenn., in 1959, Mary discovered watching birds, an interest that she maintained for her long life.

After she was widowed in 1961, she moved to Sunnyvale, Calif., to live with her sister, Katharine Koos. They opened Stamps Galore in 1967, operating the store for stamp collectors for 10 years.

After retirement, they moved to Pleasant Hill in 1989. Mary moved to Corvallis in 2010.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick; and sisters Katharine Koos and Martha Jean Temple.

She is survived by her daughters Merrily Johanning and husband Rudy, of Pleasant Hill, and Cynthia McCain and husband, Peter Claycomb, of Corvallis; as well as dearly loved grandchildren Nathan Claycomb and Eva Claycomb.

Mary had advice for her successors: always label your photos. See and do as much as you can. Don't turn down the chance to try something - you might like

it. Don't do things because of what others think of you; do things because of what you think of you.

The medical aides and caregivers of Timberhill Place earned our warmest admiration and deepest gratitude. The care and love that Mary received from the staff there, as well as the strong support and attention from Benton Hospice Service, made her last days meaningful and peaceful.

No services are planned.