



Shirley Nordyke

May 15, 1929 - February 26, 2011

Shirley Jeannine (Lewis) Nordyke, 81, of Corvallis died of a stroke on Feb. 26 in Eugene. She was born to Charlie Richard Lewis and Janet Hutchison Tennant on her grandparents' dairy farm in Rainier, where she was raised. She attended Oregon State University for one year, majoring in home economics. She was a homemaker, then owned and operated Just Sew, a tailor shop in downtown Corvallis, for 17 years.

In her retirement, she performed on stage at the Majestic Theatre, singing in several productions during the 1990s, once even performing on an Alaskan cruise ship. She was a member of the American Business Women's Association, the Lady Elks, Girl Scouts of America, and First United Methodist Church and its choir. Her hobbies were cooking, baking, home food preservation, sewing, a Linn-Benton writing class, and her grandchildren.

She married Jimmy Lee Nordyke on July 17, 1948, in Rainier. He preceded her in death on Nov. 27, 2010.

Survivors include her sons, Christopher Nordyke of Hillsboro and Mark Nordyke of Salem; a daughter, Jeannie Royster of Eugene; a brother, Paul Lewis of Kingman, Ariz.; a sister, Beth Beam of Longview, Wash.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, March 11, at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory in Corvallis. Memorial contributions can be made to First United Methodist Church.