



## Winnie M. Smiley

July 15, 1924 - January 27, 2015

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Winnie, a longtime resident of Albany, Oregon, passed away at 90 years of age.

She was born and raised on the family farm outside of Marlow, Oklahoma.

Winnie was married to Jack Smiley for 70 years. They have three sons; David (MaryAnn), Chuck (Linda), Jeff, (Lynne); 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Winnie worked and retired from the Corvallis School District where she was the secretary to the Principal at three different elementary schools. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, in 2014; her parents and 5 siblings. Graveside Services will be held at Twin Oaks Memorial Park on Riverside Drive, Albany, on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. If raining, the services will be moved to the First Christian Church, 602 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to an organization of your choosing or to Hospice Care of the Northwest, 2290 Commercial Street SE #108, Salem, OR 97302.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demossturda.com](http://www.demossturda.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside

FEB 14. 2:00 PM (PT)

Twin Oaks Memorial Park  
34275 Riverside Dr Sw,  
Albany, OR

# Tribute Wall

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“ Earlier this year, I found myself going through boxes of memorabilia. Among other things in those boxes were cards from family and friends, many of them from Winnie.

Winnie was a gracious woman who smiled easily and cared deeply. Among her cards to me were thank you notes, birthday and anniversary cards, and long letters sharing her struggles and suggestions, especially her suggestions for maintaining a healthy mind and body.

I have treasured my friendship with Winnie over the years. Our family stories have overlapped through Jack and his family's friendship with my mother and her family.

But most of Winnie's and my stories have overlapped at church. While I was working in the office there, I would look forward to Wednesday mornings when Winnie would come in a few minutes before Bible Study. She was always dressed meticulously, her makeup and hair carefully done, and she would come in with her bright smile and encouraging words. She lifted the spirits of all those who knew her.

Winnie's hugs were heart hugs! They left one in no doubt of her love and caring.

Winnie was also a character. She had strong opinions, but an open heart. I think all of us who knew her also knew her as a mentor.

Winnie didn't give up, but Winnie was able to let go--of independence, of her home, of her husband, of physical strength, and finally, of this life.

Winnie taught all of us who knew her how to hope and love and laugh and smile.

Winnie taught me to see in ordinary days God's gifts of grace.

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Patricia Eide - February 10, 2015 at 10:02 PM