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Intersex activists think we should decide for ourselves and work to stop the mutilation of children

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Ann and Susie Shepherd

## Dancing with wolves

Portlanders mourn the death of Ann Shepherd

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**T**he sexual minorities community lost a dear family friend when Ann Shepherd died of complications from heart disease Jan. 4. She was 84.

For more than a quarter-century she served as a mother figure to countless young people desperately seeking support during their coming-out process. She and her husband, Bill, founded the Portland chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

"Many young people started calling Bill and Ann 'Dad' and 'Mom' because they had been kicked out of their homes or churches," their daughter Susie told *Just Out* in 1997. "Mom and Dad couldn't understand any parent rejecting his or her own offspring and proudly watched their family grow exponentially."

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