

# Mary Jane Sim Boone 08/23/1916 - 07/03/2009

## OBITUARY

Mary Jane Sim Boone born of Scottish descent on August 23, 1916, and passed away on Friday, July 3, 2009 at age 92. Family and friends will remember her for her talent as a family writer, poet, piano player, composer, lover of all music, beautiful seamstress, and for her gifting of homemade "Scottish Shortbread."

Mary was one of three daughters, all born in America. She graduated from Collins View Grade School at 12 years old and at 16 graduated from Commerce High School (Cleveland). Mary went to work very young for the main branch of the Multnomah County Library, followed by a Portland bank, Reingold Jewelers and Hess and Butchart's Investments.

On January 16, 1943 Mary married Donald Luther Boone a descendant of the famous frontiersman, Daniel Boone. Don was born in Portland, Oregon on October 5, 1913 and passed away at age 73 on July 12, 1987. He also graduated from Collins View, and attended Benson High School. Together Mary & Don built a life raising their two girls in Multnomah Village.

Early in their marriage Mary worked as manager for Perry & Carrie Williams who owned the Wildwood Apartments in Multnomah (converted during World War II from a roller skating rink into "government housing").

Mary was an excellent homemaker, giving to her community in church,



Don and Mary Boone

youth groups, PTA, Campfire, and Bethel. She was a Scottish Rite member, Bosco - Milligan Foundation member, Boone Society, Inc. member, and Multnomah Historical Association member.

As a team Don and Mary exposed their children to family heritage, boating, ballet, music and horses and really enjoyed entering all sorts of contests. In 1957 they won a "cabin cruiser" that slept six plus dinky for naming them "Tranquil" for the boat and "Liza" for the dinky.

Mary was a devoted wife and mother. She had an undying faith, lived her religion daily and was recently described in a sympathy card to the family as the, "ultimate lady, with the sweetest manner who treated everyone with kindness and respect."

Mary is survived by her eldest sister, Mabel S. Ruffner, daughters Janet Boone McGarrigle and Carolyn Boone Grenfell, granddaughters Kellee & Richelle, six great-grandchildren. Both Mary and Don enjoyed their childhood memories on Tryon Creek and enjoyed residing in Multnomah in their adult life. Their house is a four-generation family home (57 years).

Private burial at sea is scheduled for August 23, 2009. Arrangements by Wilhelm's Portland Memorial Funeral Home. Contributions may be made to Friends of Tryon Creek & the Multnomah Historical Association.

## Transportation

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year, take two years to complete and cost \$3.5 million.

"That will mean noise and traffic impact for you, and you should decide how it should be mitigated," Baack told the South Portland board last month. However, the Boones Ferry crossing would "complete" Trail Three Hillsdale to Lake Oswego, "the best long distance walk we have in southwest," he said. Regarding any sort of mitigation from ODOT, Baack said, "You should figure out what's reasonable and ask for it rather than wait for them to make an offer."

## Baack proposes pedestrian/bicycle demonstration project

Southwest Trails Committee chair and pedestrian advocate Don Baack has proposed a demonstration project for potential federal funding that would address many long-unmet southwest pedestrian and bike needs.

Baack's proposal, as outlined in an e-mail to Jason Tell of the Oregon Department of Transportation, would be centered on Southwest Barbur Boulevard, but also take in parts of feeder streets such as Boones Ferry Road, Palatine Hill Road, Taylors Ferry Road, Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, and the Red Electric Trail.

The resulting system would serve the Oregon Health and Sciences University and Lewis and Clark College, among others.

Tell responded that the idea was an "interesting concept," but that the support of local jurisdictions was "critical" to its consideration. Another official, April Bertelsen, pedestrian coordinator of the Portland Bureau of Transportation, said her bureau would initiate a detailed investigation of the feasibility of Baack's ideas.

## Shakespeare in the Park



Errant Prince Hal (Butch Flowers) is brought to task for his wild lifestyle by his father the king (Chris Porter) in Portland Actors Ensemble's production of "Henry IV, Part One." The play's the thing at 3:00 p.m. August 15 and 16 in Gabriel Park, near the tennis courts. Performances are free and open to the public. (Photo courtesy of stagerightphoto.com)

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