

obituaries

Margaret "Margo" Bowerly

July 19, 1923 – February 5, 2017

Margaret "Margo" Bowerly passed away Feb. 5, 2017.

Margaret was born to John and Frieda Zieg who emigrated in 1918 from Frankfurt Germany to Colfax, Wash. John came first to buy a farm and get things set up, then Frieda joined him and they got married.

Margo was born on July 19, 1923, and two years later her brother Albert was born. Her German heritage was always an important part of her life. She attended Laurelhurst Elementary and Grant High School. In the summer, Margo attended Hastings Business College. After graduating, she got a job at Hyster Co. who manufactured war equipment. As a receptionist and bookkeeper, she worked evenings until 10 p.m.

One evening a young man convinced a security guard to allow him in to fill work orders. Once the door was opened, he spied Margaret working as the receptionist. A lifetime romance began that

evening. Jerry, a dental student, was also working nights for Hyster.

Margaret had to walk two blocks to the nearest street-car after work, so Jerry rode his bike next to it each night so she had an escort. Often he had one hand on his bike and the other holding her hand.

They were married on March 4, 1944, at the Evangelical Reformed Church in Portland, and remained married for more than 72 years. They had four children: David Bowerly (deceased), Judy Luse, Ronald Bowerly and Laura Heiman. They have nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Jerry and Margo settled in Keizer after time in California during Jerry's stint with the U.S. Navy. Jerry was the first dentist in Keizer and they lived here for more than 60 years.

Margo became the bookkeeper for Jerry's dental office and managed the Fernwood Court Apartment complex they built and owned in Keizer. She stayed busy raising her

family, attending neighborhood luncheon club, church service activities and knitting over 100 hats for orphans and relatives. She loved tole painting, quilting, knitting and gardening as well as cooking and entertaining. A love for music stayed with her through playing the organ and piano.

Margo and Jerry's retirement years were spent traveling with friends, enjoying their condo at Black Butte Ranch and spending time with the family. While camping with family, hugs and snacks were passed out freely and many games of cards and tile rummy were played.

Margo's deep faith sustained her throughout her life and became a major example impacting the lives of her relatives. She had a grateful and giving heart. She attended church her whole life and most recently at Salem Evangelical Church.

Services for Margaret will be on Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m. at Keizer Funeral Chapel.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse at PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Elizabeth "Betty" Swick

1918 - 2016

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Swick, 98, was born in 1918 in Gates, Nebraska. She passed away on Saturday February 11, 2017 at her Keizer residence.

In her 98 years she attended Kearney State College, was a Boeing Aircraft inspector during World War II, married Weldon Swick in October 1945, they farmed for 10 years in Gates, Nebraska where three sons were born.



E. Swick

In 1956, the family moved to Oregon where later a fourth son was born. She obtained a teaching degree from Oregon College of Education and taught grade school at North Howell and Brooks Districts, retiring in 1979. She was a charter member and organizer of Keizer Christian Church.

She is survived by sons

Roger and Ronald of Portland; sons Wayne and Todd of Keizer; three granddaughters, one great grandson; and her sisters Marion Woodward of Mt. Vernon, Mo., and Gwen Den Dooven of Denver, Colo.

A memorial service will be held at Keizer Christian Church on Saturday March 18, 2017 at 11 a.m. Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

Cyclist, pedestrian input wanted

The first open house for the Winter/Maple Family Friendly Bikeway planning project will take place on Tuesday, March 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. The open house will be located at Broadway Commons, 1300 Broadway Street N.E. Admission is free.

The public is encouraged to come give their feedback for bike-able and walkable neighborhood streets.

Oasis Center hosting awareness event Sat.

The Oasis Center for Counseling and Wellness invites the community to attend its Eating Disorder Awareness week kick off event on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be located at The Oasis Center, 4575 River Road N. Individu-

als will have opportunities to meet the treatment team, tour the facility, chat with local vendors, find resources and educational material, take part in activities and refreshments, and learn more about prevention and recovery.

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