

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Arleen Hart Conrad

July 17, 1925 - Nov. 16, 2015

Elizabeth (God's Oath) Conrad was honored to have her Swedish Mother's middle name as her first name. Having her Mother's love of family, work ethic and strength to survive adversity were lessons and blessings to all of her family.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Elizabeth moved at age 2, grew up and graduated in 1943 from high school in Pullman, Wa.

She soon left to move to Port-

land, Oregon to find work during WWII. In Portland, she met, married and celebrated 62 years with her forever love, Vincent Conrad. Half of those years were spent in North Portland.

First they became Vanport housing tenants, but left just before the flood, moving into the Gartrell housing project neighborhood. By 1950 they moved into St. Johns not far from James John School, where she was a member of the PTA, helping with school carnivals, and field trips. She also volunteered for many activities as members of Portsmouth Trinity Lutheran Church. By 1950 the



family settled into their own home not far from Pier Park.

With their four daughters almost all in school Elizabeth began working first as a door-to-door "Avon Lady". Later she added a part time job in Sitton School's cafeteria. Elizabeth also added her skills as a salesclerk for Cornet Dime Store (we loved the smell of that popcorn,) and later for St Johns' new Western Auto! Elizabeth had a way with numbers and organization, and found herself with Security Bank, a small new branch near the Jowers Retail store. After a few years experience

she was hired as one of the first Personal Service Representatives for U.S. Bank at Peninsula Branch in the heart of St. Johns, still in the same location!

After almost 32 years in N. Portland, Vincent's job (with Fred Meyer warehouse) was being moved to the Clackamas area, so she put in for a transfer to a U.S. Bank in the Milwaukie area. With their girls were now out of the house, it was time for a change, but with so many memories during their time in St. Johns, leaving was still hard. In 1987 she retired after 25 years with U.S. bank. She and Vince had become members of Arrowhead Golf Club and also joined a bowling league. They spent a lot of time enjoying their weekends on the greens, traveling or bowling with family and friends, and even more so after retiring.

In June 2006, Elizabeth lost her Vinnie, and alone she made one last move to Vancouver (Felida), Wa., for nine years where she was close to her daughters. A longtime subscriber to the St. Johns Review, she was always sharing it with

family, keeping the connection with St Johns, its history, events and character!

In Vancouver she enjoyed the activities she had shared with her husband: golfing, bowling, watching sports and celebrations with her new friends and family.

Elizabeth was true to her given name as her lifelong devotion and faith in God never wavered, continuing to read her bible daily, being part of bible studies and service groups, the bell and vocal choirs at Messiah Lutheran Church in Vancouver.

Her love is continually felt by all who knew her and us as Mom to Coni Conrad, Linda/Rick Krieger, Colleen/Tom Wack, and Kelly/Gary Harshaw. As Grandma to: Kristin/Troy, Conrad/Julie, Lindsay/Evan, Kelsey/Chris, Courtney/Garrett, Darcy, Jillian/Taylor and as Greaty-Grandma to: Conrad, Nolan, Emery, Kellen.

A celebration of Life for her was held Saturday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m. Messiah Lutheran Church, 905 NW 94 St, in Vancouver, WA.

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things for granted.

I was silent and failed to protest against Our Daily Bread Restaurant from being destroyed to build the Marvel 29 apartments. I trusted those in charge to protect the view of our beautiful historically registered St. Johns Bridge but I was wrong. The restaurant had a country style interior with log walls, which greeted my family, friends, neighbors, school teachers, ministers and strangers passing through. We celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, meetings and especially Christmas and New Years when lights lite up hearts, lifted spirits and reminded us that love gathered there daily.

In 1915 St. Johns became part of the City of Portland, just think what that has done for us these 100 years. We were one of the most promising economically wealthy towns. North Portland is worth 3.5 billion dollars in industrial value but business decisions, Port of Portland, poor city planning, City Council, negligence, discrimination, greed and failure to protect citizens and the environment will write a new page for the future St. Johns. Since the Port of Portland Terminal 6 stopped shipping cargo, trucks

and trains are being used more, fat-

iguing workers, less experienced drivers, speeding trucks, crowding other towns and highways. Could the diesel truck running into the liquid asphalt trains by the St. Johns bridge 12/13/2015, exploding and killing the driver be a wake up call? What about the fine and ultra fine particles with "toxic combinations of sulfate, nitrate and ammonium ions, hydrocarbons and heavy metals"? Emission studies show they are known to cause and exacerbate asthma, infections and cancers of the lungs, recently suspected of causing degenerative brain diseases, dementia, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease? Will we see an increase of these in our town? Building high-density apartments that impede traffic flow makes not only getting in/out of town dangerous but breathing an issue. North Portland has the highest rate of asthmatic population due to living near the Interstate 5 and U.S. Route 30 coming across the St. Johns Bridge. Please check Mother Jones magazine July/August 2015 article by Aaron Reuben and pollution chemist Eben Cross, Mass. Institute of Tech.; Cascadia Times Environ. Injustice. Ivy Island belongs to the people of St. Johns (City of Port.) it lifts our spirits and protects us from those that might want to speed through town and profiteers that think we are too poor to make decisions for ourselves. Alan Jones principal architect told the Planning and Sus-

tainability Commission hearing 11/17/2015 the developer went to the Dept. of Transportation and was told N. Portland was too poor to address the traffic concerns, so they made a plan/deal to get our island free from the city and solve their problem? The developer wants to get his cars from 100 apartments plus businesses out onto Lombard. The true cost will be the sacrifice of children's health as they play at recess on James John School's play ground as cars exit the development and idle at the new traffic light. Cars are 77% of the health hazard of existing toxic pollution.

Industrial air pollution in N. Portland alone is the greatest created risk to public health than any place else in the U.S according to EPA computer model Risk Screen Environ. Indicators. Combining all pollutants in N. Portland could render air, soil, water and trans. into a new health catastrophe. The EPA/DEQ/Dept. Of Trans have failed N. Portland. St. Johns demands Environmental Justice, Protection by Clinton's Executive Order 12898 in Minority and Low-Income Populations, Civil Rights Pro. 1964 Title VI and the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. Act now to SAVE THE CHILDREN AT JAMES JOHN SCHOOL and KEEP IVY ISLAND.

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