

OBITUARIES

Jean Louise Countryman Smith

June 13, 1918 – March 7, 2016
Jean Louise Countryman Smith, 97, died March 7 in Forest Grove.

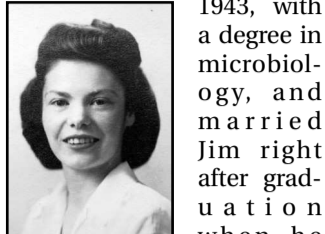
Jean was born on her parents' farm near Ontario. She described herself as a care-free kid who was encouraged to roam independently

around the farm and countryside on her horse. She loved all animals and growing things. During her long life, she rescued and befriended many injured and lost animals.

After graduating from Ontario High School, Jean worked as assistant to the school superintendent and earned enough money to at-

tend Oregon State College, where she met Jim in 1939 during her freshman year.

She graduated in June 1943, with a degree in microbiology, and married Jim right after graduation when he unexpectedly showed up for a weekend leave from his battleship, USS Pennsylvania.



Jean spent the next three years working as a microbiologist for Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley, Calif., developing the new miracle drug, penicillin.

After the war, Jean and Jim returned to Corvallis, where she taught biology at Oregon State; Jim taught industrial engineering. They started their family life together.

Jean and Jim moved to Monmouth in 1956, and lived in their home on Sacre Lane for 59 years before moving to Forest Grove last year to be closer to their children. While in Monmouth, Jean taught biology at Oregon College of Education (WOU) for 10 years. She was extremely active in the community and was a friend and support to many.

She was known by all for her love of nature, animals, and people, and for her generosity.

She welcomed everyone into her home and into her family, including caring for

six of her elder parents, aunts, and uncles, 17 international students and their families over many years.

Her children, neighbor children, and grandchildren loved to follow her around and help her in her legendary garden and pumpkin patch, which was her respite and her delight.

Jean is survived by her husband, Jim; sister, Joan; children, Gail, Jerry, Evan, and Mark; 12 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church, 412 Clay St. W., in Monmouth.

Contributions are suggested to Christ Church/The Heifer Project, or to the Ella Curran Food Bank.

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ELAINE SARAH MEYER POPE

Feb. 4, 1923 - Feb. 26, 2016



Elaine Sarah Meyer Pope left her temporary life behind and began eternal life with her Savior on February 26, 2016 at the age of 93.

The youngest of two daughters born to Louis Leo and Sarah Emma (Foster) Meyer, Elaine was born on February 4, 1923 in Cambridge, Nebraska. The family relocated to Oregon in April of 1937 and settled in Independence, where Elaine graduated from high school in 1940.

In 1941, Elaine met Vernon Pope and they dated for about a year before marrying in Dallas on December 30, 1942. They were married for just over 72 years at the time of his passing in 2015 — an incredible legacy!

Elaine was a dedicated wife and mother. In addition, she worked various clerical jobs, and then as a teacher's aide at Aumsville and West Stayton Elementary schools.

Elaine was a longtime member of Bethel Baptist Church in Aumsville. When she wasn't busy volunteering at the church, Elaine enjoyed working on puzzles, baking, decorating cakes, bird-watching, gardening, and crafting. Elaine was loving, patient, generous, and a friend to all.

These virtues, along with her mischievous sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Elaine is survived by her son Dennis (Gloria) Pope of Roseburg; daughters Marilyn Pope of Aumsville and Shirley (Michael) White of Lebanon; 3 granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. She is preceded in death by her husband Vernon; her parents; and her sister, Maxine Pope.

A celebration of Elaine's life will be held at Bethel Baptist Church in Aumsville at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 19, 2016. At Elaine's request, she was interred at the Aumsville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Elaine's memory to Bethel Baptist Church of Aumsville, or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Weddle Funeral Services.

VICTOR CARL BLACK

Sept. 30, 1916 - March 9, 2016



VICTOR CARL BLACK, 99, a resident of Dallas died Wednesday, March 9, 2016. He was born on September 30, 1916 the son of Roy and Pearl Black. Carl lived in Dallas all 99 years except for duty in the Army during the Second World War. Carl graduated from Oregon Normal School (WOU) as a teacher and taught in Halsey and Airlie in his twenties.

In the 1940's, he joined the Army and made 11 round trips across the Atlantic to bring service men's wives (and some children) to the United States. His job was to keep them busy and organized during those tours. His title was the Activities Director.

Carl discovered Melba Henrickson in Dallas after his discharge from the service. They were married in 1948. As newlyweds, they served as youth leaders in the First Christian Church with the high school and college aged students.

Carl served as an elder in their church most of his adult life. He was the Dallas Post Master for 25 years and also the church treasurer for over 30 years. He also served as treasurer for the Salvation Army and organized the "kettle schedule" at Christmas time. He was active in Kiwanis, Polk County Historical Society, Polk ARC, WOU Alumni, Post Masters Association and worked on many Dallas festivals (such as the Smileroo, Crazy Days, and always attended the Breakfast in the Park). His volunteer work was extensive but he was not interested in any "fanfare," although he did receive the First Citizen Award in 1987. Even after his children had graduated he continued to attend high school football games in Dallas.

Carl enjoyed traveling, Sunday afternoon drives, beach combing and collecting agates, gardening, fishing and especially helping others. He loved Dallas and also loved his family. He was a wonderful grandfather and enjoyed having his grandchildren come for visits. Every one of his grandchildren have good memories of his "piggy back rides" even his great grandson.

He could tell you the details of anything that had happened in his long and fascinating life, if you could just wait a few seconds. Even just before he died he was on a ride through Dallas area remembering the names of the various people who had resided in many of the Dallas homes and who had owned what businesses. He cared a lot about Dallas and its growth. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include daughters Virginia Stensland and Vicki Massey, grandchildren Jennifer and Karl, Ragan, Carl, Bethany and Gabe, Lloyd (deceased), Kyle and great grandson Jonathon. Also surviving is a brother Elmo Black.

Funeral services will begin at 11:00am Friday, March 18th in the Dallas First Christian Church. Interment will follow in the Dallas Cemetery. To leave a message or memory for the family please go to www.dallastribute.com. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

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BEVERLY "BEV" JEAN MATHEWS

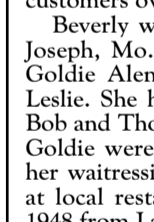
June 24, 1930 - March 6, 2016



Our beloved mom, Beverly Jean Mathews (Bev) passed away peacefully on March 6, 2016 surrounded by family at her daughter's home in Independence, Ore. She was 85 at the time of her passing. Beverly was diagnosed with lung cancer in January and wasn't afraid to tell anyone she had cancer and was dying. This is the spirited, energetic, loving, on the go attitude she maintained these past several weeks.



The Beverly Mathews Hood River knows was married to Dennis Mathews, the love of her life for 35 years. Beverly worked as a waitress in many restaurants in Hood River. At the age of 76, she retired from Bette's Place after 27 years of service. She loved working at Bette's Place and the customers over the years were like family.



Beverly was born June 24, 1930 in St. Joseph, Mo., the only daughter born to Goldie Alena Palmer and Moses Frank Leslie. She had three brothers Frank Jr., Bob and Thomas. Beverly and her mother Goldie were inseparable. Beverly started her waitressing career during high school at local restaurants. After graduating in 1948 from Lafayette High School, she met Richard McDonald while working in her Uncle Herman's restaurant in Mound City, Mo. Richard and Beverly were married November 1949. They had 5 children Carol, Sharon, Cindy, Joseph and David. Beverly's mother Goldie passed away and Beverly took in Thomas, age 10 her

youngest brother and raised him along with her children. Richard worked for construction pipeline and moving from job to job was constant. Married life started in Missouri and brought the McDonalds finally to settle in Hood River, Ore. in 1966. Richard passed away at the age of 41 in 1970.

In 1972 Beverly was married to Forrest Pfeiffer and moved with the 3 youngest children to Mosier, Ore. When they divorced, Beverly and the kids moved back to Hood River where she resided for the next 43 years.

Beverly loved to bowl and was on a women's league for many years. She loved getting her hair done every Friday and enjoyed receiving manicures and pedicures. She loved to read — romance and mysteries were at the top of her list. In her later years shopping — damn you QVC and gardening brought her great joy. She loved sitting on her back deck and admiring her flowers and garden solar lights. Beverly was a member of the River of Life Assembly Church.

Beverly was a hard worker, very independent and a little on the stubborn side. She loved her family and friends. She loved clothes and was always quite the fashionista. For the past 3 years she loved being part of the yearly Hood River GALA fashion show.

Beverly is survived by her brother Thomas Leslie Vancouver, Wash., daughters Carol Pfaff (Tom) Independence, Ore., Cindy Cooper Independence, Ore., sons Joseph McDonald (Kathy) Clackamas, Ore., David McDonald (Robin) The Dalles, Ore., and son-in-law Douglas Duggan (Sharon) Parkdale, Ore. She is also survived by her 15 grandchildren, Sarah,

Stacie, Scott, Sybil, Sherry, Samantha, Brooke, Kurtis, Beth, Mahlcolm, Michael, Jodie, Jeff, James, Jon and their families including 19 great grandchildren and 2 on the way and her Cairn Terrier; Hannah. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, brothers Frank Jr. and Bob, husbands Richard McDonald, Forrest Pfeiffer and Dennis Mathews, daughter Sharon Duggan, grandsons Glenn Twidwell & Matthias Kamasz. Beverly leaves behind many good friends in Hood River and numerous relatives in the state of Missouri.

Beverly's family would like to thank the following people that were a big part of her life. Best friends Lila Mitchell, Bette Walters, Francis Chambers, Gaye Walters Jones, all her customers at Bette's Place, the wonderful ladies from Dream Street Boutique, neighbors Joe Pounders and Linda Guertin and her dear friend of 60 years Ola from Arkansas. The compassion she received from Willamette Valley Hospice of Salem was such a comfort to her and her family. The family would also like to thank Dr. Laura Starrett, Jack Trumbull and the staff of Anderson's Tribute Center for the care and compassion we have received during this time.

Memorials are encouraged to be made to either; Hood River Special Olympics or Willamette Valley Hospice — gifts can be sent care of Anderson's.

Services to honor and celebrate Bev's life are planned for 11 a.m., Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Anderson's Tribute Center 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River, OR 97031.

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