

Eleanor Mildred DeVorss

St. Helens, Ore.

May 26, 1915-March 20, 2013

Eleanor Mildred DeVorss was born on May 26, 1915, in Reno, Nevada, to [unclear] and Viola (Burge) [unclear]. She died on March 20, 2013, at a St. Helens care center at the age of 97.

Eleanor attended and graduated from Nampa (Idaho) High School in 1935. On October 30, 1937, she married Roy DeVorss in Portland, Oregon. He preceded her in death in 1976.

They lived in Pendleton, where she owned the Pendleton Craft & Hobbie store from 1977-1987. She moved to Columbia City in 1999 to be closer to her daughters.

She was active in the First Christian Church in Pendleton as well as the First Methodist Church in St. Helens. She was a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Pendleton Garden Club and Pendleton art activities. Her interests included art and crafts, gardening, painting and bird watching.

Survivors include daughters Laura Lee Phillips and Lynn Calhoun, both of Columbia City; sister Ella Slaughter of Payson, Arizona; 4 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; 2 brothers, John and Wilber Schultz; 2 sisters, Nina Friedly and Betty Helvy; and grandson Mark T. Phillips.



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Private family graveside service and interment will be held at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon, later in the summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dirt Dabblers Garden Club in care of Mary Jane Peterson, 2600 S.W. Goodwin Ave. #34, Pendleton, OR 97801; Pendleton First Christian Church; or St. Helens First Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.columbiafh.com.

Columbia Funeral Home-Directors is in charge of arrangements.

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state and its workers. They say the pension system's unfunded liability is the result of investment losses during the Great Recession, and they want the state to go after bankers they blame for the losses.

The measure sticks closely to a framework Democrats outlined earlier this month. In addition to the \$455 million that their proposal would save, Democrats want to push back \$350 million in government pension contributions into future years.

Rep. Mike McLane of Powell Butte, the Republican leader, said that's "like skipping a credit card payment, which doesn't fix anything." The whole package falls short of helping state and local governments deal with the burden of pension payments, he

said.

Pension of retired government workers currently rises at a rate of 2 percent per year.

The Democrats' proposal would create a stepped scale. The first \$20,000 would continue growing at 2 percent a year. The next \$20,000 would grow at 1.5 percent a year, and the next \$20,000 at 1 percent. Increases above \$60,000 would rise by 0.25 percent a year.

Their proposal also would eliminate a tax break for retirees living out of state that's intended to make up for state income taxes.

On top of cutting pensions, Democrats are also pushing to raise more revenue from wealthy taxpayers by limiting tax credits and deductions, but they haven't spelled out their plan yet.

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