

## **Service Summary**

**Graveside Service** 11:00 AM Fri May 30, 2014

Olney Cemetery 865 Tutuillla Road Pendleton, OR 97801

## Obituary

Born: Monday, October 10, 1921 Died: Friday, May 23, 2014

Marge Dorran, 92, of Helix, Oregon passed away May 23, 2014 at Juniper House Assisted Living.

Marge was born to Murrel and Thad Hargett on Oct 10, 1921 in Pendleton, Oregon at a private home assisted by a midwife. Her childhood was spent on a family farm near Holdman, OR where she learned at a young age her everlasting words of wisdom, "hard work never hurt anyone" or kids who work hard don't get in trouble." These words were repeated often to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Marge attended elementary school in the two room Holdman Grade School. She often reminisced of her childhood days with fondness and friendships. She attended high school at Griswold High School in Helix where she graduated in 1940. Her extended education was at St. Joseph Academy in Pendleton where she studied secretarial courses.

Throughout her childhood she developed a love of dancing. She would attend weekly dances with her parents at the local Grange Halls. The Virginia Reel was an all time favorite dance. At one of the dances she met a "special young man" by the name of Randy Dorran. They became a duo on the dance floor and enjoyed many years together sharing the joy of music and dance. Randy and Marge were married on January 24, 1941 in Lewiston, Idaho with their forever friends, Ferdie and Marge Hudemann, as their witnesses.

Marge began her married life in a one room bunkhouse on the Dorran family farm in Juniper Canyon. Randy remodeled the schoolhouse, where he had attended, into their home where they raised their three children Jim, Janet and Judy.

Marge's strong work ethic continued on their farm where she spent many hours in the kitchen cooking for her family as well as many hired men and harvest crews. Her farm career days began as a child with horsedrawn equipment, milk cows and home grown gardens. She experience progressive farming for 52 years, facing a challenging lifestyle that over the years evolved into a successful farm operation. That operation is in the fifth generation of existence. In 1969, her only son, Jim, was killed in a plane accident. This tragedy brought a lifetime of sorrow and grief to Marge and Randy.

Marge was an enthusiastic cheerleader for her family. She was involved with her children's educational lives, community clubs and civic organizations.

Her involvement ranged from Helix School PTA, JC Club, Helix Women's Club, Pendleton Community Hospital Auxiliary, to the still existing



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Club was established in 1940 and she became a member in 1941 and has remained a member to the present. The club was a social highlight for her each month and she cherished the close friendship of each member and very seldom missed a meeting. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton.

Marge was a supportive partner for Randy on the farm as well as his civic organizations which gave her many opportunities to travel to farm related conferences throughout the Pacific Northwest. They also took advantage of the winter months on the farm when work became less intense. Seeing other parts of the world was enjoyable to them. Their extended travels included Hawaii, Asian countries, Europe as well as visiting places throughout the United States. Often times the travel included another couple or a group.

In 1993, the decision was made to move from the farm to Helix where they resided for 20 years. Marge's home was welcoming for many friends and relatives. There were toys for every age of great grandchild and treats were always available on the table, whether it be Andee's mints, cashews, popcorn, cheez puffs or miniature chocolate bars.

Memories will continue on forever as Marge shared many stories of her childhood and life experiences and could always provide entertaining tales for family and friends. She brought plenty of laughter to a conversation. Her life stories will be cherished in many hearts for years to come.

A special thank you to Hospice and the care givers of Juniper House Assisted Living who provided wonderful and loving care and friendship for Marge. They extended a level of dedication above and beyond for her.

Marge is survived by her husband of 73 years, Randy; two daughters, Janet Wood, Athena, and Judy (Cliff) Bracher, Pendleton; six grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren; sister, Helen Courtright, Portland; brother, Bob(Jo) Hargett, Pendleton and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Wayne" Bud" Hargett; son, Jim and grandson, Doug Wood.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Helix Memorial Scholarship Fund or Helix Booster Club.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m. at Olney Cemetery with a celebration of life reception to follow at the Pendleton Elks Club.

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