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Alice Maxine Fossatti

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Alice Maxine Fossatti of Pendleton died Sunday, October 9, 2016, a week after celebrating her 102nd birthday at Juniper House Assisted Living.

Alice was born October 2, 1914, in Natchez, Washington, to Alta Mae and Reuben Weigel. The family moved to Oak Grove, Oregon, where Alice was raised and later graduated from Milwaukie High School in 1932. Alice attended Pacific University and completed her education at Eastern Oregon University majoring in elementary education. She began her 23-year teaching career, teaching kindergarten at Hawthorne Elementary School until her retirement in 1980.

Alice and G. Don, her high school sweetheart, were married August 27, 1938, in Portland, Oregon. They came to Eastern Oregon, living in both Athena and Milton-Freewater before finally settling in Pendleton in 1949. They enjoyed 73 years of marriage until Don's death in 2011.

Alice was civic-minded and involved in numerous community organizations. She was a member of PEO Chapter CM, Delta Kappa Gamma, Delphian Club, Hospital Auxillary, Country Club board, and an early Pendleton swim team board member. She was celebrated as Pendleton School District's Teacher of the Year, and last year an art studio at the Arts Center was named in her honor. In addition to community activities, her art was her passion. Alice was known for her primitive pottery, inspired by Betty Feves, her one-of-a-kind quilts, and her silk screen prints.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, her two siblings, her beloved G. Don, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She is survived by John Fossatti and Joanne; Jeanne Christensen and Bob; Donna Collins and Rob; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and hundreds of kindergarten students that she touched.

A viewing will be held at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2016, at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. A celebration of life for Alice will take place at 12:00 on Saturday, October 15 at the Pendleton Presbyterian Church.

Contributions in Alice's name can be made to the Pendleton Center for the Arts in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

