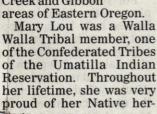
## Mary Lou Brigham Ringering Long

Crooked River Ranch April 25, 1935-March 1, 2013

Ny Lou Brigham Ri ing Long, 77, died peacefully at her home in Crooked River Ranch on Friday, March 1, 2013, surrounded by family.

Mary Lou was born in La Grande, Ore., also known as God's Country to her, on April 25, 1935, to John Robert Brigham,

Robert Brigham, the son of an Englishman, and Nancy Emily Casteel Brigham, a Native American woman. She was the middle of three daughters who all spent their childhood growing up in the Meacham, Squaw Creek and Gibbon



age.
Mary Lou graduated from Athena High School, and in 1952 she married Floyd Ringering of Pendleton, Ore. They lived there for 10 years and together they had three children. They divorced in 1962, but Floyd's family remained very close to Mary Lou and the kids throughout the years.

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Always a working woman, Mary Lou was a 37-year government employee, beginning in Mission, Ore. In 1964, she transferred to Warm Springs, Ore., to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as an administrative officer. She raised the kids in Warm Springs and lived and worked in Warm Springs until transferring to Portland, Ore., to work at Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Wherever she worked, she enjoyed spending time with her coworkers. She made lifelong friends everywhere she went.

Mary Lou held that position from June of 1974 until she retired in June of 1990. She decided she wanted to spend more time with the kids and grandkids. She spent the next 20 years keeping up with all the sporting and after-school activities that all of them had going on.

On January 2, 1977, Mary
Lou married Robert Long
of Madras, on a cold snowy
day with nearly a foot of
snow on the ground. Robert
left his employment at
North Unit Irrigation District (NUID), as a ditch
rider, and soon after he began working at John Deere
Corporation in Portland,
Ore. He continued there
until 2007, retiring after 30

years.
With Mary Lou's three kids grown, she and Robert were able to make the most of long weekends and their annual 3- or 4-week vaca-

tions to travel about while still working full-time. They made many road trips to New Orleans and the East Coast to visit Robert's side of the family over the years, usually with a very special dog, and a cat or two riding in the motor home, looking out of the front top window.

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They actually wore out the first little motor home and replaced it in 2004 with a newer, larger model.

Mary Lou and Robert were also able to take several cruises. Their retirement plans were to see even more of the U.S. Unfortunate

ly, illness made later travel very difficult. Mary Lou was a cancer surviver, but her Alzheimer's robbed them of that special time.

Mary Lou is survived by er husband of 35 years, her husband of 35 years, Robert Long, of CRR, Ore.; her son, Robert (Bob) and Diane of Madras, Ore., with grandsons Brian of Red-mond, Ore., and Eric of mond, Ore., and Eric of Portland, Ore.; daughter Pamela Friend of CRR/Terrebonne, Ore., with grandson C.W. and Mandy and great-granddaughter Portland Nymewae, of Ore., grandson Joshua and Ashley and great-grandson Gillian of Terrebonne, Ore., granddaughter and enne of Pendleton, daughter Kristi Lou Cheyenne Ore.; daughter Kristi Lou and Craig Erickson of Pilot Rock, Ore., with grandson Boyd of Salem, Ore., and granddaughter Ashley of of Pilot Rock, Ore.; sisters Jeanne of Prineville, Ore., and Betty of Pendleton, sisters and Betty of Pendleton, Ore.; along with many nieces and nephews and cousins. We loved her so and will miss her every day.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, baby brother Bobby, and Pam's son Gillian

Friend.

Mary Lou and Robert moved to CRR in 2006 to be closer to family members. She loved being in Central Oregon, but the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon were her true home. She will be laid to rest alongside of her mother and father and other family members at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Ore. Viewing will be held Thursday, March 7 from 3-6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary, 366 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Services will take place Friday, March 8, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in the Burns Mortuary chapel.

If you would like to make a donation it can be made to your local Alzheimer's Association in Mary Lou's name.

Cards of sympathy can be mailed to The Ringering Family, P.O. Box 74, Madras, OR 97741.



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BY JOHNNY HART



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Today is the 64th day of 2013. There are 301 days left in the year.

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