Biography

Mary Katherine McLaughlin was born to Theresa (Doherty) and John McLaughlin at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, Oregon and grew up in Pilot Rock. After graduating from Pilot Rock High School, she attended Western Business College in Portland and then worked with the Vollstedts in Carlton and McMinnville. In 1947, she married Hugh Sheridan at St. James Catholic Church in McMinnville. Mary and Hugh returned to Pendleton where their first two children were born. They then moved to Salem where three other sons were born and where they were actively involved in St. Joseph's Parish for 40 years. In addition to raising a family and participating in her children's numerous endeavors, Mary worked as an accountant for the City of Salem, Hillcrest School, and the State of Oregon Personnel and Executive Departments. After Hugh died, Mary moved to Milwaukie for several years and then to Portland (Courtyard Plaza and St. Anthony's Village). Beginning in 2006, Mary lived in several care centers (Laurelhurst Village and Glisan Care Center in Portland, Village Health Care in Gresham, and finally Maryville Nursing Home in Beaverton). Her family thanks the Maryville staff and Providence Hospice for their loving care in her final days.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Joe, Ray, Bill, and Frank; husband, Hugh; and sons, Jim and John Joseph.

She is survived by daughter Maureen; sons, Jack (Darlene) and Tom (Michelle); grandchildren, John (Ashley), David (Stacey), Lisa, Daniel, and Jackie; and great-grandchildren, Brooke, Maddie, Katelyn, John Jr., and Kendall.

Contributions in memory of Mary can be made to the sisters of St. Mary of Oregon.

Facts

Born: January 4, 1918

Place of Birth: Pendleton, Oregon

Death: May 29, 2013

Place of Death: Beaverton, Oregon

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