



Obituary

Born: Monday, December 5, 1927

Died: Sunday, January 31, 2016

Elma Mae Campbell Straughan

Pendleton

December 5, 1927-January 31, 2016

Elma Mae Campbell Straughan, a longtime resident of Pendleton died with her family at her side on the morning of January 31, 2016. She was 88 years old. Graveside Services will be held at Olney Cemetery on Friday, February 5 at 1:00 PM. Following the service, all are welcome to a gathering at St. Mary's Church. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.

Elma was born December 5, 1927 to Russell and Alvina Reiber Campbell in Huntington, Oregon. Later the family moved to Pendleton. She graduated from Pendleton High School and Saint Anthony's School of Nursing.

Elma married John E. Straughan on February 9, 1948, and together they began a life together on their family farm. Along with helping on the farm and raising four children, she was involved with multiple clubs and organizations. She volunteered for many years at Red Cross blood drives, St. Anthony's gift shop, events at St. Andrews Mission and Roundup Republican Women. She was also involved with the St. Anthony School of Nursing Alumni, St. Anthony Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters, Umatilla County Historical Society, Oregon Nurses Association and American Nurses Association.

John and Elma enjoyed making annual trips to the Oregon coast. They also made a trip to Scotland to research John's ancestry. Additionally, Elma made trips to Egypt, Middle East, Rome and Australia.

Elma is survived by her husband John E. Straughan; sisters, Alvina Vaughan of Renton, Wa. and Daphna Beldon of Colorado; sons John R. Straughan (Joey), and Patrick C. Straughan (Kim); daughters, Christine Straughan of Pendleton; and Rosemary Eye (Bill) of Rancho Cordova, CA; along with five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Elma was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Ella Campbell of St. Louis, Mo.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that contribution be made to the Umatilla County Historical Society.

Service Summary

Lunch Following Service

Graveside Service

1:00 PM Fri Feb 05, 2016

Olney Cemetery

865 Tutuilla Road
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

