

Marian Elder Death

B. Marian Elder

March 29, 1917 - Dec. 30, 2009

Marian was born March 29, 1917, in Lansing, Mich. Her maiden name was Adams. She graduated from Lansing Central High School in January 1935, and studied business at Lansing Business University and later, accounting at Portland Community College. She also took cello lessons at Lansing Conservatory of Music and was a charter member of the Lansing Civic Symphony.

Marian married Robert S. Elder in Detroit, Mich., in 1939. The family moved to Oregon in 1951. Mr. Elder died in 1977.

Marian served on the Garden Home school board for five years and was the final chairman prior to the consolidation of the Beaverton School District. She was a board member of the Y.W.C.A. and served on the room registry committee and the women's prison council. Marian received KPTV's "For Kid's Sake" award in 1995 for her volunteer work as a reading tutor for over 20 years for ESL (English as a Second Language) Title 1 reading program and SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) in the Beaverton grade schools.

She was a member of the Portland's First United Methodist Church since 1956 and served on numerous church and womens' organization committees. She was employed as a bookkeeper for the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce from 1972 to 1978.

Marian is survived by her son, Robert and wife, Cory of Annandale, Va.; son, William of Phoenix, Ariz.; and daughter, Paula of Beaverton; grandchildren, Matthew and wife, Kelly of Maryland and Lorna and husband, Jose of Virginia; six great-grandchildren, Isabel, Jacob, Norah, Sean, Caitlin and Megan; her sister, Jean Wilson of Traverse City, Mich.; and many much-loved nieces, nephews and in-laws in Michigan, Georgia, Alabama and Virginia.

The family suggests contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association or a hospice of choice.

A private service will be held.

Arrangements entrusted to Skyline Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

Please sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits

God Saw

*God saw Marian was getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around her,
And whispered "Come With Me"*

*With tearful eyes
We watched her suffer,
And saw her fading away.
Although we loved her dearly,
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest;
God took her from this earth
To prove to us He only takes the best.*

In Loving Memory Of

B. Marian Elder

Born: March 29, 1917
Lansing, Michigan

Died: December 30, 2009
Beaverton, Oregon

Funeral Service

Thursday, January 7, 2010 @ 1:00 p.m.
Skyline Memorial Gardens Funeral Home
Officiating: Chaplain Tom Tower

Special Music

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Reception To Follow

Private Interment: Skyline Memorial Gardens

