

OBITUARY

Marjorie Mae (Stearns) Wood**December 19, 1915 ~ June 11, 2016**

Marjorie Mae (Stearns) Wood, a long-time resident of Prineville, died Saturday, June 11 at age 100, at the home of her daughter Rosalee, her loving care-giver for the past eight years.

She was born Dec. 19, 1915, at Mercy Hospital, Webster City, Iowa, to William Bradford Stearns and Grace Elizabeth Teal. She was raised on her parent's farm near town. As a teenager, she raised her siblings and cared for her mother while her mom was ill with cancer. Her mother died in 1934. Marjorie graduated from Lincoln High and Junior College in Webster City. She graduated from Mounds Midway School of Nursing in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1938 and worked as a nurse in Iowa, San Francisco, California and Prineville.



Marjorie married her high school sweetheart, Dr. Elon Lee Wood, Dec. 19, 1938, in Berkley, Calif. They

moved to Prineville in 1939, where Dr. Wood practiced medicine for 41 years.

Marjorie was the oldest member of the Prineville First Baptist Church, having been a member for 77 years. She loved serving her church, was a strong Christian witness and known for hosting visiting missionaries. Marjorie was a member of PEO, Etudier Book Club and the Crook County Historical Society.

In 1958-1959, the entire family traveled in a Volkswagen bus from Norway through Europe, and down through Africa to Cape Town. As a young wife, Marjorie accompanied her husband up many a mountain and, after retirement, on trips around the globe. A summer was spent serving at a mission hospital in Borneo and a year working at a mission hospital in Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) with Prineville nurse Linda Sharp.

Left to cherish her memory are her brother, William Edward Stearns, and wife, Eloise, of Webster City, Iowa; sisters-in-law Doris and Dorothy Stearns of Webster City; Marjorie's children, Elaine and husband, Vance Tinseth, of Salem; Elon Lee and wife, Ginger Wood, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Drs. Janice and husband, Dave Anderson, of Prineville; Lora and husband, Mick Borden, of Prineville; Don Wood, of Prineville; Rosalee and husband, Tom Wilson, of Prineville; 15 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Dr. Elon Lee Wood; brothers John Waldo Stearns, Frank William Stearns and Ralph Laurence Stearns; sister, Fannie Elizabeth Stearns Peters; and grandson, Michael Wayne Borden.

Interment was at Juniper Haven Memorial Cemetery June 15. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Arrangements are being handled by the Juniper Ridge Funeral Home, Prineville.

In Marge's memory, the family suggests visiting a shut-in, taking a meal to someone in need, writing an encouraging note, helping a student, giving a listening ear and prayer.

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Mollie Gardiner**August 2, 1928 ~ January 16, 2018**

Mollie Gardiner, a longtime Prineville resident, died in her home in Salem on Jan. 16, 2018, after a long illness.

Married to George in 1946, they moved to Central Oregon in 1948, where he grew up. They lived in the same house on the Ochoco Heights for almost 60 years before moving to Salem in 2013.

A longtime member of the Garden Club, she enjoyed not only gardening but her book club and card-playing activities.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Ted Warren, and her granddaughter,

Joan Gardiner, of Washington, D.C. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, and her son, Bruce.

When the wildflowers bloom this spring, her remains will be scattered to join George and Bruce in the Ochoco Mountains.

