



Jean Hays Gronewald

March 13, 1924 - April 8, 2015

JEAN HAYS GRONEWALD March 13, 1924 ~ April 8, 2015 "Jean was an extremely devoted wife and mother. She had a natural curiosity about life that fit perfectly with her spunky personality." Jean Hays Gronewald passed away in Vancouver, WA at 91 years old at Glenwood Senior Living. She was born in Tillamook, OR to Robert Blaine and Ethel Florence (Todd) Hays. She graduated from Heppner High School where she had been a cheerleader and majorette. She later attended Oregon State University. Jean married Gail John Gronewald in Vancouver, WA on June 22, 1945. She was a member of the Vancouver Presbyterian Church, D.A.R., and Delta Delta Delta Sorority. Jean was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader for many of her children. She was very active in school PTA, receiving the Golden Apple Award. She was also president of her women's golf group at the Cedars. Jean loved to travel, read, golf, garden, and did beautiful needlepoint. She was an amazing baker and cook, and was always welcoming to guests and any of her five children's friends. Jean was an avid nature lover and had an extensive Audubon Life List for birds. She loved a good bonfire on the beach with family and friends and would sleep with her kids in the backyard to watch the stars. Jean is survived by her husband of almost 70 years, Gail Gronewald; sons, Jack and Tom Gronewald (Patti); daughters, Barbi Papenfuse (Kaare) and Patti Gronewald (Mark Ralph); twelve grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Jim Gronewald last July; and a sister and three brothers. A memorial service will be held Sat., April 18, at 2:00 p.m.

at Vancouver First Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to Jean's kind and loving caregivers at Glenwood Senior Living. Memorial donations may be sent to the church. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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“ Jean was a great Aunt and she'll be missed. I'm sorry i didn't hear about her death until now Aug 2016.

Chuck Hays - August 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM