



Helen Marie Owens

June 15, 1919 - November 3, 2016

Helen M Owens died quietly at home in Lincoln City on November 3, 2016. She was 97 years old. Helen was preceded in death by husband, Walter in 2005 and son Stephen in 1973. She is survived by two daughters, Sherre and Trisha and her husband Thomas, two grandchildren Gavin and Sara, and two great grandchildren McKenzie and Austin.

Helen Marie was born on Fathers Day, June 15, 1919 in Marion, Illinois. She was the second child and only daughter of B. Ira and Ada (Bloodworth) Braday. She married Walter E. Owens on June 5, 1937. They had three children: Sherre, Stephen, and Trisha. In 1946 they moved to Portland, Oregon and in the late 70's made Lincoln City their retirement home. But retirement did not mean inactivity. They enjoyed ballroom dancing and were widely recognized figures at coastal dances. The couple also distinguished themselves as volunteers in many local organizations and activities. They were members of Friends of the Driftwood Library, and the North Lincoln, now Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary where Helen served as president in 1981. Helen was treasurer and board member of the Hillside Honey Tree School (no longer operating) and is fondly remembered by both the children who attended during that period and their parents. Helen was an accomplished pianist, creative homemaker, and a fine seamstress in addition to being bookkeeper for Manitou Equipment Company in Portland for many years before they moved to the coast. The Owenses were always members and leaders in their

church community, first at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church in Portland and then at the Lincoln City Congregational Church.

Service and interment in the Memorial Peace Garden was held at 2 pm on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Congregational Church, UCC, in Lincoln City. Memorial gifts may be sent to the church at P.O. Box 945, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367.