

Cora Belle (Abbott) Haag

May 4, 1919 ~ January 28, 2012

Known to friends as Corkie and to grandchildren as Grandma Cookie, Cora passed away at her home on the river surrounded by loved ones. She was preceded in death by her husband, John (Bill), of 51 years in 1992, by her daughter Julie Marie (Haag) Haldeman in 2004, and by her son Stephen Robert Haag in 2007. She is survived by her son, Glenn Haag, and his wife, Amy, of Battle Ground and by her daughter, Leslie Thorson, and her husband, Keith, of Graham, WA. She also had four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren whom she adored.

Cora was born in Seaside, Oregon, to Arthur and Hazel Marie Abbott. She was a proud graduate of Oregon State University where she went to school on a full academic scholarship. After graduation in 1941, she married her sweetheart John William Haag. They eventually settled in Battle Ground on a farm on the East Fork of the Lewis River. In 1958 Cora accepted a job with Clark College setting up community cooperative pre-schools. Through her guidance these centers grew to become Clark College's Parent Education and Child Development program. In 1975, shortly before her retirement, she helped design the new Parent Education/Child Development Center, which was later named in her honor.

Cora was dedicated to her family and her career. She had many hobbies including traveling, reading, solving the New York Times crossword puzzle, and rooting for her favorite teams OSU, the Blazers, and the Seahawks. She loved the beach and spent many hours collecting shells, rocks and driftwood. At various times Cora and Bill had vacation homes on both the Oregon and Washington coasts. Their travels included trips to Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii, and they also spent a year traveling around North America. Her favorite time to be, however, was at her home on the river surrounded by her family.

Cora always made family gatherings special; she was a very generous and loving person. Always positive and upbeat, she had a quiet dignity and grace, which she carried with her throughout her life.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to PeaceHealth Southwest Home Health Care and Hospice, to whom remembrances may be made. A special thank you, also, to her caregiver Donna, who provided endless hours to the Haag family both day and night. We could not have managed it without her. Because of such excellent care, it was possible for Cora to remain at home for the last year of her life.

Layne's Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

