



Marcella (Marcy) Lee Plummer

August 8, 1930 - August 1, 2009

Marcella “Marcy” Plummer slipped peacefully away while napping on Saturday afternoon August 1, 2009, at the age of 78.

She was born August 8th, 1930 in Chapman, Nebraska to Eldon Stewart DeLay and Martha Vera DeLay. During the great depression in efforts to find work where ever it was available the family moved to many locations in Nebraska, Montana and Washington before finally settling in Oregon. She graduated from Oregon City High School in 1948 where she was very involved as a member of the Elevator staff, as a charter member of the International Club, and as an honor student. She enjoyed writing and won several essay contests. She began her long professional career as a legal secretary while still in high school where she worked for the Oregon City branch of the Title and Trust Company of Portland. After high school Marcy worked for Charles Sievers Law Office in Oregon City then for Coan, Rosenberg and Swire in downtown Portland.

In December of 1949 she married Navy enlisted man John P. Plummer Jr. of Oregon City. They spent their first five years of marriage in Hawaii where he was stationed. There they enjoyed a lively social life that included attending the First Baptist Church of Waipahu, motorcycle riding, drag racing, dancing and night clubbing. Marcy continued her career there working for the prestigious law firm of Pratt, Tavares and Cassidy in Honolulu. In 1955 they

relocated to San Diego where Marcy was blessed with first a son John P. Plummer III and then a daughter Linda J. (Plummer) Smith. The family returned to Hawaii for 5 more years where Marcy focused on being a mother. But even then the pull of the office life drew her to volunteer for the Navy Relief Society where she counseled and helped settle other young Navy families arriving to Hawaii for the first time.

In 1963 the family was stationed on Guam where Marcy entered the Civil Service for what would prove to be a lengthy career. She was an Investigative Service Officer for the Office of Naval Intelligence. She also volunteered as a den mother for her son's Boy Scout group and was active in the PTA. Upon returning to the states she continued working in civil service appointments including senior supervisor of eligibility for the Sonoma County Social Services Department in Santa Rosa, CA; Administrative Assistant to the manager of Military Housing U.S. Weapons Station, Concord CA; and finally as the Executive Secretary to the facility chief of U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Tracy, CA. She retired from federal civil service in August 1977 and has received a retirement pension ever since. Other non-career positions during this time included being on the PTA for her children's schools in Ukiah, Windsor and Brentwood and being a member of the Liberty Parents Club in Brentwood. Additionally she was a member of both the Toastmistress Club of Naval Weapons Station and a member of the Fed. Reclamation Employee Association. During her retirement she was an instructor for Valley Commercial College in Modesto, CA where she developed, wrote the syllabus for and taught legal secretarial classes.

From her retirement and throughout the 1980's Marcy led a very rich life where she enjoyed traveling all over the southwestern United States. She especially loved Yosemite and the Grand Canyon. She was a founding member of the Delta Chapter of Parents Without Partners. She was a member of the Golden State Mobile Home Owners Association and the Treble

Shooters Organ Club. In 1984 she married her second husband Pete Bonzi Jr. of Modesto, CA.

In 1988 Marcy returned home to Oregon to be near her daughter as she was expecting her first child. There she lived first in Gladstone where she attended St. Stephens Lutheran Church and then Oregon City. Marcy enjoyed cranking the volume high on her organ and serenading the neighbors. She was a dedicated watcher of CNN news television and an avid reader of the Oregonian Newspaper and saved clippings to share with others routinely. She also was very passionate about her politics and to be unto the unprepared person who dared strike up a political conversation with her. Marcy was a devoted Christian and felt a calling to share the gospel with everyone she could.

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