

Kathleen Marie (Lewis) Hoch
"Kathy"
Ontario, Oregon

Kathleen Marie Hoch passed away peacefully October 15, 2013. She was born August 27, 1929 in Anoka, Nebraska, to Charles and Mary (Mlinar) Lewis. Kathy attended school in Butte, Nebraska, graduating in 1947. Her early years were spent in Butte and as a young adult she taught two years in an eighth-grade country school.

Kathy married the love of her life, Harry Hoch, on June 14, 1949, and together they raised eight children.



Kathy was a busy homemaker and the wonderful aroma of homemade breads and desserts filled the home. She considered herself, "The greatest supporter in the world of my children's teams and activities." As the children got older Kathy worked for various businesses in Ontario. She found her niche in 1989 as office manager for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and worked there for 21 years.

Kathy was an Ontario Ambassador, a member of the Ontario Monarch Lions Club, and was an assistant secretary of the Lions Idaho-Oregon Sight and Hearing Foundation. She was selected as the Ontario Chamber of Commerce "Woman of the Year" in 1999.

Kathleen's husband, parents, sister Charlene Bair, and granddaughter Keely Shields preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her children, Greg (Maureen) Hoch, Cindy (Gene) Fancher, David (Janice) Hoch, Pam (Dan) Hoots, Pat (Teresa) Hoch, Sue (Brian) Shields, Kevin (Mylynda) Hoch, and Linda (Walt) Drechsler, 25 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, her brother Raymond (LaVonne)Lewis, and sisters-in-law Glenna Hoch and Verna Maxine Hayes.

Special thanks to the caring staff at MeadowBrook Assisted Living Center, and Heart and Home Hospice for the outstanding care they provided.

A Celebration of Life will be officiated by her good friend Reverend Jim Mosier on Saturday October 26, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 802 SW 5th Ave, Ontario, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Sight and Hearing Foundation, Inc., or the Fruitland Heart and Home Hospice Foundation.