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Betty Jean Taunton, 93, a longtime resident of Gleneden Beach, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 5, 2022. Betty was born to Alexander and Helen Olson on March 14th, 1929 in Hysham, MT. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vaughn Taunton in 1995, her son Richard Taunton in 2006, and a sister Dorles Masturzo of Fallbrook, CA in 2021.

Betty is survived by her brother Ellis of Nampa, ID, her four children, Nancy Pierce of Kodiak, Craig Taunton of Otter Rock, and Neil and Phil Taunton of Depoe Bay. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Betty grew up in Montana and moved to Oregon in 1942 where she attended West Linn High School. She was active in Pep Squad and Cheerleading and went to state with her swim team. Betty also climbed Mt. Hood as a young woman.

She met and married Vaughn in 1948. The couple moved to Depoe bay in 1951 to help Vaughn's father run The Spouting Horn Restaurant. It was there that they started and raised their family.

Betty will be remembered far and wide for her famous pies. She spent years curating her passion for these pastries while owning and operating the Spouting Horn Restaurant, with her husband, Vaughn, in Depoe Bay. It was during these years that her drive, spunk and warmth earned her a fan base of employees and customers alike. Many of whom returned, year after year just hoping to see her. The Spouting Horn Restaurant easily led to her fierce and undying service to her community. Betty was a force to be reckoned with in her devotion to Depoe Bay and could be found, on any given day, volunteering time and space for her beloved city.

Her many contributions to the area included involvement in various organizations; including Daughters of the American Revolution, Fleet of Flowers, Angels Anonymous, Governors Welfare Reform Board, Friends of Depoe Bay, Depoe Bay Planning Commission, and Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few.

Betty was passionate about politics and helped start Candidates Night in Depoe Bay, this brought candidates for Oregon right to our area for a "meet the candidates", question and answer night. Betty was instrumental in starting the Senior Fish Fry, many local kids had their first introduction to the work force right at the Spouting Horn. Betty rarely turned down the chance to help with a fundraiser and often provided the space needed. She also enjoyed performing with the Depoe Bay Community Theater and earned recognition in 1983 as the "Woman of the Year" for the Depoe Bay Chamber and Later as "Community Days Couple of the Year" with her husband Vaughn in 1985.

With her passing her family and community will certainly feel the end of an era, and remember a lifelong legacy. She will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Depoe Bay Community Center,

located at 220 S.E. Bay Street, on August 21st at 4pm. In lieu of flowers her family requests that you consider donating your time in your community in memory of Betty.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty J Taunton*

August 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM