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Margie was born to Ruby Pearl Countryman Burton and John May Burton in Otis Oregon. Ruby didn't have a name chosen for her new daughter and when a young man came by the dairy to look in on the family, he offered her a dozen oranges for the honor naming the newborn. And thus she was named Margie.

She grew up with three brothers and one sister: Ernest Orville, Vernon Clay, Chester Carson, and Ellen Marie. Together they worked their parents' 100 acre dairy farm to provide milk to the Tillamook Cheese Factory, raising 22 head of dairy cows, pigs, chickens and the odd horse. Milk wasn't their only business; John delivered mail on horseback until 1917, her grandmother Countryman ran the post office in Boyer, and her uncle Mel Burton delivered mail via buggy to those south of Otis.

In high school, Margie worked for Lincoln Dairy delivering milk to the surrounding area. In 1943 she moved to Toledo and was in the employ of CD Johnson's cut up mill. There she met Harold Charles Garton and they married on June 13, 1944.

Together they had 3 daughters: Margaret Elaine, Patricia Ann and Wanda Lee. She enjoyed an active social life as a member of the Elks and Eagles and enjoyed camping in the summer with her family.

After just over 57 years of marriage, Harold passed away in 2001. In 2003, Margie and long-time friend Enoch Freels began a life together in Willamina enjoying time with Enoch's family and friends, laughing, joking and sharing many years of memories with one another. They moved to Berry Park Senior Living, where Margie enjoyed knitting for the Cover Up program, providing hats and booties to newborn babies. She was rarely seen without a crochet hook or knitting needles.

When Enoch passed away, fate would have it that Margie would move to The Dorchester, once a restaurant she had delivered milk to for Lincoln Dairy way back in 1939. Always quick to make friends, Margie enjoyed playing cards at the senior center, doing puzzles, and still knitting for the Cover Up Program whenever she could. As her health deteriorated, she moved to Hillside Place where she enjoyed visits from many of the friends she made while at The Dorchester.

There will be a service held at 2:00 pm Friday, May 13th at Bateman Funeral Home Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up on 9th Street in Toledo, I remember feeling really safe. And I know what made us safe -- the moms. All those mothers, most of whom would brook no nonsense and helped keep us in line. It was a wonderful way to grow up, and Mrs. Garton was part of it. You did a good job. Thank you.

Susan Gilmont - May 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dad and Mom always thought highly of Margie. Described always as "lovely" and "special" by Dad. Slowly losing a world of memories and relationships built on more than blood relationships. Smiling at the inclusion of the mail delivery facts- this information and stories of the hazards of delivery are part of the legacy treasured by us too.

Ernest Auburt Burton's family - May 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM