



Norma Jean Perry

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Norma Jean Perry, 88, a resident of Waldport for 48 years, died April 29, 2017 at her home in Waldport. Born in 1928 in Ancon, Panama to Ben and Cissy Kuller. "Jeannie" grew up in the former Canal Zone, where her father and grandfather were employed. In 1945, Jeannie graduated from Cristobal High School and a year later she moved to Dayton, Ohio where she married Charles "Chuck" Perry. Chuck was also a graduate of Cristobal High, where he had finished up his senior year while stationed at nearby Coco Solo air field. Jeannie and Chuck moved to Columbus, Ohio where Chuck earned a degree at Ohio State University. Upon graduation in 1950, he accepted employment with the General Accounting Office in Washington D/C., but soon took an assignment in Panama, where Chuck and Jeannie lived for the next two years.

Chuck's next assignment took Jeannie and their three boys out to Portland, Oregon in 1954. They welcomed three more children to their family while living in Oak Grove and later moved to Waldport in 1969, where the family had vacationed for many years. Waldport was to be their home for the remainder of their lives. In addition to being a busy and capable homemaker, Jeannie taught pre-school in Oak Grove and kindergarten in Waldport. After her baptism in 1979, Jeannie became an active member of the South Lincoln Christian Church and more recently, the Waldport Baptist Church. She taught many area children after school in the "Good News Club." Many years after her retirement from teaching, former students who remembered her kind and

gentle nature, would warmly greet her on the street and in local businesses. She is survived by her children: Thomas Perry, Michael Perry, Patrick (Tina) Perry, Matthew (Crystal) Perry, David (JoAnn) Perry and Anne (Dave) Peterson; her grandchildren: Jerin Peterson, Sara Peterson, Joshua Perry, Gypsy Perry, Carly Garvin, William Lundeen, Danny Lundeen, Joel Perry, Desiree Perry, Alauna Perry and Mattlyn Perry; her great-grandchildren include: Grace Lynn Atkins, Walker Atkins, Griffin Garvin, Haddlee Garvin, Penelope Garvin, Nydeis Lundeen and Aeryus Lundeen. She was predeceased by her husband Charles Perry, her sister Eleanor "Pat" Gill and brother Benjamin C. Kuller.

A memorial service will take place at the Waldport Baptist Church on June 3rd at 1:00 PM.