



Juanita Louise Banning

February 5, 1923 - April 27, 2019

Juanita 'Nita' Banning passed away April 27, 2019 in Medford, Oregon at the age of 96.

Nita was born on February 5, 1923 to Orel and Ella Edwards in Missouri. The family migrated to the Medford, Oregon area when she was a small girl, and she grew up in the Jacksonville area. Nita married Robert E. Banning in September of 1949, and the couple made Fort Jones their home for over 50 years. Nita was Bob's 'right-hand-man' for their many years in marriage, and in business. They opened and operated Banning Farm Supply in Fort Jones and later transitioned into R.E. Banning Pump & Irrigation, which they owned and operated for over 30 years.

Nita enjoyed remodeling, a hobby which started out of necessity during her 10 years living and working on the Sharp Ranch and continued up until her passing. If she wanted something done, she picked up the tools and did it herself; she never knew the phrase "you can't do that," as witnessed by her homes, landscaping, and art. She was a gifted and accomplished artist and instructor with many awards for her oil and water color paintings and most recently her china painting. She loved gardening and was one of the original members of the Scott Valley Garden Club which was apparent as she always had a beautiful yard and rose garden where ever she lived. Juanita spent 60 years as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Nita was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Banning in 1998. She is survived by her sons, Don (Holly) Banning of Sagle, ID and Michael (Greta) Banning of Phoenix, OR; her grandchildren: Kelli Banning Wells & Kimberly Banning Gabica; David, Daniel, Drew Banning and Julie Banning Hartley as well as many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A short graveside service will be held in celebration of Nita's life and where she will be laid to rest next to Bob in the Fort Jones Cemetery May 16th, 2019 at 11 am.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Fort Jones Cemetery
Eastside Road
Fort Jones, CA 96032