



Kathryn Helen Cavin

June 5, 1927 - October 27, 2018

Kathryn Helen VanOrsdel Cavin passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Kathryn was born to Charles and Dorothy VanOrsdel in Upland, California on June 5, 1927. She spent her early years at Lake Tahoe and in Malin Oregon, where her father was employed at the Quarantine Stations for the California Department of Agriculture. In 1941 the family moved to Hornbrook, where Kathryn lived while attending High School in Yreka. She graduated in 1945 as Senior Class President, Valedictorian, and Life Member of the Honor Society.

After receiving an Associates Degree in 1947 from Chaffey Junior College near Upland, she returned to Siskiyou County, and worked for the County Library until 1951.

Kathryn married Albert Wayne Cavin in April, 1950. In 1954, following the birth of their three children, she returned to work at the Siskiyou County Welfare Department. She retired in 1985 as the program director.

Kathryn was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Siskiyou County Genealogy Society, Siskiyou County historical Society, Associate Member of Fairchild Medical Guild, Fairchild Auxiliary, Friends of the Library, and the Red had Society.

Kathryn enjoyed bowling and belonged to a league for many years. She spent time at the casinos, reading avidly, and collecting sheet music, old books, miniature elephant figurines; and especially, shoes. Following her retirement, Kathryn began volunteering weekly at the County Library, and continued volunteer work throughout her life.

Kathryn is survived by her sister Virginia, two sons John and Stefan, and four grandchildren; Tessa, Garrett, Alex, and Mitch. Preceding her in death was her eldest son Fritz in 1969, her father and mother in 1982 and 1994 respectively, and her husband Albert in 1982. Donations may be made to Friends of the Library, The Genealogical Society, Madrone Hospice, Fairchild Medical Center, or to the charity organization of your choice.

It was Kathryn's wish that there be no sad services. Her sons will host a farewell party that will be announced on a later date.