

July 12, 2006

## **Mary Jane Jensen**

- A graveside service for Mary Jensen will be held at 9:30a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2006 at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.
- Mary Jane died at her son and daughter in laws home in Sandy on Sunday, July 9, 2006. She was 80.
- She was born , Mary Jane Thede on January 11, 1926 in Groton, South Dakota to John and Florence (Shoemaker) Thede. She was raised and received her schooling in Groton and graduated from Groton High School. Mary furthered her education at the University of Minnesota and graduated from Northern State Teachers College in 1949.
- In 1948 she was Gypsy Queen. Shortly after graduating from college, she united in marriage to Duane Jensen on November 23, 1950 in Tacoma, Washington. They made their home in Portland in 1964 where they finished raising their family. In 1988, they moved to Bay City,
- Oregon. In 1992, Duane preceded her in death. Mary remained in Bay City until moving to Sandy in October of 2005 to be near her family.
- Mrs. Jensen was active in the Bay City Boosters Club, The Unity Rebekah Lodge #151 Neighborhood Watch, Kilches Grange, volunteering at the Tillamook Senior Meal Site and she belonged to the Bay City United Methodist Church to which she loved singing in the choir.
- Surviving are her sons, Bob Jensen of Sandy, Don Jensen of Boise, Idaho, Bill Jensen of Bay City, Oregon and Tim Jensen of Japan; her daughter, Debbie Tarlton of Fairview; her brother, Allen Thede of Vancouver, Washington; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.
- The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Mt. Hood Hospice.
- Sandy Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements.