

ALICE HENNEBERGER AUSTIN OBITUARY

VANCOUVER, Washington - Alice Austin, a resident of Newport from 1947 to 1996, passed away on 5 June 2001 in Vancouver, Washington, of Alzheimer's Disease. She would have celebrated her 89th birthday the following day.

Alice was born in Portland on June 6, 1912 to Warren and May Henneberger, and moved as a child to Walla Walla, Washington. It was there that she met Lee Austin, who was to be her husband and closest friend for 54 years. They were married in Portland prior to his being stationed in Assam, India, during World War II. He preceded her in death in 1997.

After the war, Lee and Alice moved to Newport and opened Lee's Laundry in the Nye Beach area. They became active members of the First Christian Church where Alice was director of the church music program for 35 years, served as a deaconess, taught Sunday School classes and served on the church board. She was manager of the Lincoln County Mental Health Clinic and served on the boards of the Olalla Children's Center and the Contact Information and Referral Center. As a volunteer, she took calls for the Battered Women and Children's Hotline. Alice and Lee both worked on planning the Newport Senior Center, delivered Meals on Wheels, served on the Lincoln County Council on Aging and volunteered with Retired Senior Volunteer Services. Her long service to the Newport community was recognized when she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Business and Professional Women in 1982.

Alice is survived by her daughter, Leslie Johnson of Vancouver; son, Ed of Salem; and five grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at the Newport First Christian Church. Friends are urged to attend and share their remembrances. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association in her name.

Reference:

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