**Her Legacy...** Mary Helen Cannell was born Jan. 5, 1912 on the family farm in Pleasanton, KS. She was the youngest daughter of Edward Finis Kile & Francis Rosamond Smith Kile. She graduated from Pleasanton High School in 1930. Then in 1931 the family moved to Corvallis, OR. There she worked at a cannery & the College Cleaners. She married Marvin Marion Cannell on 1/21/1937. They moved to Honolulu, HI in July of 1941. They lived in Navy housing, where she survived Pearl Harbor. She gave birth to her second daughter, Rebecca, 3 days after the Blitz, "a Black out Baby." They moved back to the mainland 01/01/1943 traveling the 7 day trip aboard a liner that was used for carrying prisoners of war with a U.S. Navy crew. Her new home was in Long Beach, CA until moving to Peoria, OR, Thanksgiving of 1946. Her family moved back to Oregon to be close to her parents. She worked seasonal at Blue Lake Cannery for 25 years. She attended the Peoria Community Church, Oakville garden club and Gleaners. She enjoyed her flowers, and had a gift for making thing grow. Her house was surrounded with hundreds of flowering plants and berries or every kind. She canned the vegetable and fruit she grew. She was blessed with good health and a family that adored her. Mary could always make you laugh, up until her passing day. She would brighten any room she entered. "If she could be everyone’s mother the world would be full of happy kids." She sold her home of 44 years in 1990 and moved to Oroville CA to live with her daughter Becky and to be close to her sister Annabelle. She belonged to the D.A.R. and was active at the local Senior Center. Mary loved the Lord and we can...someday. Until that day she will always be alive in our hearts because she has taught us so much and is part of how we are today.

**Her Family...** She was preceded in death by her husband in 1983, her only son Mac of Peoria in 1991, her brother Henry Kile and sister Annabelle Tierney. She is survived by daughters Ailene Eby Lebanon OR, Becky Nimz of Oroville, four grandsons and six granddaughters, fourteen great grandchildren, 1 great, great grandson and her dachshund Joseph.

**Her Farewell Service...** A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday December 22, 2009 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Robinson St. Oroville, CA at 1:30 PM with a viewing to follow from 2:30 to 5:00 PM at Ramsey Funeral Home 1175 Robinson St. Oroville. Arrangements have been entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877

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