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Marliene Costa passed away on June 8th at Silvercreek Assisted Living in Woodburn, Oregon at the age of 84. She was born in Indiana to Maxwell and Fern Hamilton. Marliene lived in several Midwestern states during her childhood including Quincy and Holly, Michigan as well as St Louis, Missouri. Big brother Louis and Marliene spent many happy summers on their grandparents' farm. During her childhood she developed a love of horses, cats, dogs and country living.

During Marliene's teen years, her family relocated to Santa Rosa, California. She graduated from Santa Rosa High School in 1950. She attended Santa Rosa Junior College for two years before completing her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science at University of California Berkeley in 1954.

While attending UC Berkeley, Marliene met and fell in love with Architect David Francis Costa Jr. They were married in Larkspur, California on December 18, 1954. They honeymooned in Mexico visiting several cities; Acapulco, Mexico City and Taxco. This was only the beginning of many travel adventures such as viewing the original prehistoric cave paintings in Lascaux, France, a private tour of the pyramids of Egypt complete with a camel ride and driving around Germany in their brand new Mercedes-Benz convertible.

Another travel highlight was visiting the USSR. Their union was blessed with son, Richard in 1960 and two years later daughter Patricia joined the family.

The young family moved to Albany, Oregon in 1968 and started a life of country living on 80 acres in the North Albany area. In 1970 Marliene returned to work part-time at the Forestry Department at Oregon State University. After several years as an administrative assistant and office manager, she transferred to the Graduate School at OSU. While working full-time at OSU Marliene earned her Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She was then promoted to Assistant Dean of Graduate Minority Programs. Marliene retired at 62 to continue traveling with husband Dave.

In 2006 Marliene moved up to Sherwood, Oregon to be closer to family. She is preceded in death by her husband David of 53 years, her brother Louis Hamilton and her cousin Marna Shirley. Marliene leaves behind son Richard Costa, daughter Patricia Costa, grandchildren Juan, Victoria, Robert, Alejandro and one great grandson, Maximiliano.

A private family service will be held.

Pets were always an important part of Marliene's life and throughout the years many beloved cats and dogs were adopted from the local humane society. Memorial contributions may be made to the Heartland Humane Society of Corvallis, Oregon or the Multnomah Humane Society of Portland, Oregon in care of Attrell's Funeral Chapel, 207 Villa Road, Newberg, OR 97132.