



## Mary Ann Brillas

June 27, 1934 - June 5, 2025

### MARY ANN (RIVES) BRILLAS

Mary was born in Borger, Texas on June 27, 1934.

The family lived in Borger until moving to Newberg, Oregon in 1942 with her mother Juanita Atkinson Rives and father Wayne Herman Rives and her sister Anita Joyce Rives.

Mary graduated from Newberg High School and went on to the University of Oregon for 2 years.

In 1954 she enlisted in the Air Force and served in various places, including Germany, until completing her enlistment in September 1959. She then returned to Oregon and completed her college degree at Portland State University in 1961. Mary then reenlisted in the Air Force to become an administrative officer.

She served in a number of places including Spain, as well as Hanscom Field near Boston. Next was an assignment in Vietnam and Laos where she met her future husband Luis Brillas. By then she was a Major and he was a Lt. Colonel.

He retired first and they got married in Omaha Nebraska in 1974.

When Mary retired in 1978 they stayed in Omaha until about 1980 when they built a house and moved back to Newberg living on a portion of the property she grew up on.

Luis died in 1998 but Mary remained in the house until 2022 when health reasons necessitated her move to Friendsview retirement community in Newberg.

Mary lived at Friendsview until her death on June 5th 2025, just a three weeks shy of 91 years old.

# Cemetery Details

## **Willamette National Cemetery**

11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97086

# Tribute Wall

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“ Volunteered with Mary for 15 years at Evergreen Air and Space Museum. Mary was a wonderful friend and a great volunteer. She has traveled around the world and enjoyed bird watching and being with friends. Great memories with Mary. Jim Hosford



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**Jim Hosford** - December 14, 2025 at 08:32 AM