



Carolyn Louise Nelson (Blakely)

June 3, 1930 - August 16, 2022

Carolyn Louise (Blakely) Nelson of Bend, Oregon passed away peacefully August 16, 2022 of natural causes with family by her side. She was 92 years old.

Carolyn was born June 3, 1930 in Turtle River, Minnesota to parents Lawrence and Evelyn (Larkin) Blakely. Carolyn was the second youngest of five siblings. As a young child Carolyn moved with her family from Minnesota to Bend, Oregon. She spent her early years with her family living in various logging camps throughout Central Oregon, eventually moving into Bend. Carolyn graduated from Bend High School in 1948.

Carolyn married Richard (Dick) Nelson on August 31, 1956 at The First Presbyterian Church in Bend, Oregon. Together they raised two children Alan Nelson and Debbie (Nelson) Anderson. Carolyn and Dick were married 57 years at the time of Dick's death in 2013.

Carolyn worked for Pacific Power and Light for several years until her children were born. After the children were in school, she went to work for Had's Saw Shop in Bend as their bookkeeper. Carolyn retired from there in 1990. After retirement Carolyn and Dick traveled to many destinations and spent time with family and friends. Carolyn enjoyed Genealogy for many years researching her family's lineage along with Dick's.

Carolyn was active in the Telephone Pioneer Association, the Deschutes Pioneer Association serving as Deschutes Pioneer Queen in 2017, and the Deschutes Historical Society helping with Grandma's Attic for the annual

Christmas bazaar for many years.

Carolyn enjoyed spending time with family, anything Chocolate, watching her grandchildren's sporting events, playing bingo, and visiting with everyone she could. She always had a twinkle in her eye, and a smile on her face. Hosting family events large and small was a source of joy.

Carolyn is survived by her children; Al (Beckey) Nelson, Debbie (Robert) Anderson of Bend. Grandchildren; Travis (Kellie) Nelson, Ryan Nelson, Mackenzie Anderson and Carson Anderson. Great Grandchildren: Zaiden and Zuriah Nelson and her sister Patricia (Blakely) Logue of Lacey, Washington and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard (Dick) Nelson, Older Brothers; Robert Blakely and Kenneth Blakely. Older Sister Shirley (Blakely) Moty; and her parents.

Memorial contributions in Carolyn's name can be made to Deschutes County Historical Society, 129 NW Idaho Avenue, Bend, OR 97703.

Memorial Service will be held Friday, September 16, 2022, 2:00 pm at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home in Bend, Oregon. Private family interment will proceed the service at Greenwood Cemetery in Bend, Oregon.

Tribute Wall

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“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We Have so many beautiful memories of Carolyn and Dick, from our years together with the phone company and Telephone Pioneers. The stories of her childhood in the logging camps always fascinated me. Carolyn introduced me to Geneology, now a lifelong obsession. I did not know that we share the same middle name(Louise). I would have loved to hear her story about that. I share mine with 5 generations. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, I know your memories will be sweet.

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Sharon Hoblit - September 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

A Memorial Tree was planted for Carolyn Louise Nelson (Blakely) - August 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. She became a very important part of our family when she and your Dad came to MN and found our family. I was very honored when your parents came to my 80th birthday in 2013. Sadly it also was the last time we saw them. My prayers are her Soul is Resting in Peace with your Dad and you all fine comfort in that too. God Bless Mary Catherine GRESS

Mary Gress - August 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM