



## Donna Gayle (Giskaas) LaVenture

November 12, 1942 - January 24, 2017

Bend, Oregon Donna G (Giskaas) LaVenture was a Bend native, born to Leta (Mason) Giskaas and George Giskaas, November 12, 1942. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by close friends and family, January 24, 2017 at the age of 74. Her brother, William Giskaas and husband Donald LaVenture preceded her in death. Her nephew and two nieces, Mike Giskaas, Mindy (Giskaas) Sutton and Donna (Giskaas) Mulrooney, cousins Karen Asseln, George Moor and Jim Morkert, as well as many grand and great nieces and nephews survive her. Donna worked as an insurance claims adjuster before retiring at the age of 65. In addition to this, she modeled wedding gowns for the beautiful mature bride. Donna lived life to the fullest, always ready for the next adventure. She traveled the world with her husband and friends, enjoying active adventures wherever she went. She enjoyed camping and windsurfing, as well as hiking throughout Central Oregon as a member of a womens hiking group. Donna enjoyed meeting friends for weekly outings and hosting parties of her own. She was an active member of Nativity Lutheran Church in Bend where she had many close friends. Donna was especially fond of good mystery novels, horses, cowboys and red sports cars. She loved any excuse to wear chic western fashions, including red boots and a matching red hat. She had a flair for decorating and enjoyed perusing local thrift stores in search of the perfect finishing touches for her home. No matter the activity, she lived each day in the moment, cherishing the people around her. She was loved by all who knew her and she will forever be missed. The family is hosting a

celebration of her life at Kelly Ds in Bend, Oregon, April 8, 2017,

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

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