



Donna Mae Meddish

July 6, 1934 - June 20, 2019

Donna Mae Meddish, 84, of Bend, passed away on June 20, 2019. Memorial services will be held at Grace First Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 30th at 4pm, followed by a potluck dinner which she loved. Donna was born in Nicolaus, California, to Lester and Earlene Ricketts on July 6, 1934. She attended Yuba City High School and graduated from Chico State University with Bachelors in English and Journalism. She taught at Yuba City High School and later received a Master's in Education from Syracuse University in 1961. Donna married Richard Ray Meddish on August 26, 1961 in Springfield, Illinois. They worked at Colorado State University in Fort Collins and University of Colorado in Boulder before moving to Portland, Oregon where she was as the Dean of Women for Pacific University. After moving to Bend in 1969, she taught at Central Oregon Community College. Donna was a president of the Bend branch of American Association of University Women and was a founding member and researcher at the Deschutes Historical Society. Donna was an avid writer published in a variety of newsletters and Cascades East Magazine. She published "Rafting the Sacramento River" in 2015, and was working on a second book. Donna is survived by her husband and her children, David and MaryAnn. Niswonger-Reynolds is honored to serve the family. 541-382-2471

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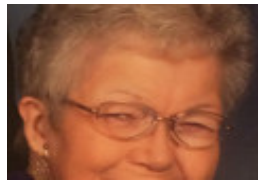
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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:40 PM

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“ Hello Dick, It's been a long time since we've talked or seen each other but I have thought of you often. And I'm so very sorry to learn of Donna's death. I only met her a couple of times but I knew she was a lovely lady. You were so devoted to her. I lost Bern 5 years ago to cancer and I understand the sorrow and emptiness that such a loss brings. My thoughts and love go out to you. Love, Arlene

Arlene - August 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Donna Mae Meddish*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Dick and family. We are so saddened to hear of Donna passing and send our deepest sympathy. She was always such a bright and lovely person when visiting with her. And we will always remember her for her kindness and lovely smile. We send you all continued peace and healing. Sincerely, Cheri Lee and Franz Helfenstein

Cheri Lee and Franz Helfenstein - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“*Dick, I know how you will miss her. I, too, recently lost my wife, the love and friend of my life. I understand your sorrow and wish to extend my sympathy. You have always been strong. You will get through it. Trust in God. Plant a flowering perennial in her memory. Should you want to have lunch, reach me at 541 617 1110. In her memory, Glenn Edmison*

Glenn Edmison - July 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM