



Emmy Lou Owen

November 23, 1921 - May 13, 2014

Emmy Lou Owen of Bend died on May 13, 2014 at the age of 92. Born in Aberdeen, Wash., Emmy Lou was the daughter of the late Heine and Susan Green Schmidt. In 1924, the family relocated to California and lived in Berkeley, Piedmont, Santa Barbara, Burlingame, and San Francisco. They moved to Palo Alto in 1933 where Emmy Lou attended Castilleja School for girls. She went on to Stanford University majoring in political science. Emmy Lou lived in San Francisco during World War II and worked for the regional office of the War Manpower Commission as a personnel officer. She also was a member of the San Francisco Modern Dance Concert group for several years. Emmy Lou met Stanley Dorrance Owen while at Stanford and they married in the Stanford Memorial Chapel in February 1947. Stanley then began his career at ARCO and they moved to Southern California where they lived in Long Beach, Beverly Hills, and Brentwood. In 1955, they settled in Rolling Hills with their three young sons. Emmy Lou volunteered with Harbor General Hospital, PTA, Little League, Spastic Childrens League, and Los Angeles Philharmonic Auxiliary. In 1969, they relocated to Anchorage, Alaska during the construction of ARCOs Alaska pipeline project. While there, Emmy Lou was active with the Anchorage Symphony League, World Affairs Council, and Petroleum Wives Club. When Stanley retired in 1976, they returned to California to live in Laguna Niguel. The Owens found Sunriver, Ore. in 1981 and built a house on the Deschutes River, where they remained until Stanleys death in 2002. During that time, Emmy Lou was an active member of the

Sunriver Homeowners Board, Sunriver Music Festival, Newberry Habitat Board of Directors, Womens Club, and numerous other committees. After working as a volunteer with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program in Southern California for two years, she continued to prepare taxes for the program in Bend for 21 years. In 2004, Emmy Lou moved to Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village in Bend, where she enjoyed spending time with new and old friends, as well as supporting the Met Opera, Central Oregon Symphony, and Cascade Theatre performances. She loved camping at Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite National Park. Emmy Lou returned there often over the years with her parents, husband, sons, and friends, making cherished memories during each visit. Because of those trips, the High Sierra region always held a special place in her heart. Emmy Lou is survived by her sons Edward of Portland, Ore., Barry (Diana) of Durango, Colo., and Stanley (Laura) of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; five grandchildren Leigh, Toby, Molly, Spencer, and Alec; and her brother, Nicholas Schmidt of Denver, Colo., and his family.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

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Bend, OR

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Tribute Wall

VE

“ Loved you, Emmy Lou.

Valerie Emmert - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am sorry to hear about Emily Lous passing. I knew Stan and Emmy Lou in Sunriver. I use to manage the Sunriver Racquet Club, and Stan and i would hit tennis balls very early in the morning.! Stan knew my Dad at Stanford. Emily Lou was a neat lady and i was lucky to know both of them. You had great parents. Sue Boyle

Sue Boyle - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear friend for over 50 years.. I will miss you .

Martha Creber - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear of Cousin Emmy Lous passing. She was a terrific person, so full of life, enthusiastic about everything around her. She was great fun, walking the ocean beaches, hiking around Bend, sharing a great tale, and cooking up a storm for friends and relatives. She came in a small package but had a huge positive effect on everyone who knew her. Deepest sympathies to her sons, Barry, Sandy and Ted and their families.

Lucy Hart - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I always admired Emmy her parenting skills. How she was able to keep 2 steps ahead of her 3 over active boys. Clearly she held on to the lead all the way to her end.

jan hartley - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are saddened to hear of my Cousin Emmy Lous passing. She took care of me as a small boy, along with my Cousin Nick (her brother), when I visited Cohasset Beach, south of Aberdeen, Washington. I visited her and her family, often, in Rolling Hills, south of Los Angeles, California, and I kept my surf board at their home. I visited her and Stan on several trips to Sunriver, Oregon, and we saw and visited with her regularly at our Cousin Reunions in Manzanita, Oregon. She was a small woman, full of life, and closely resembled my mother. Our deepest sympathies to her sons, Barry, Sandy and Ted and their families. We will miss her. With fondest memories . John D. Lad and Betty Munro, Riverside, Texas

John D. "Lad" Munro - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My sister and I visited Cousin Emmy Lou at Touchmark last September. That visit is a treasured memory, as she was, as usual, full of life and energy. We had a wonderful time. She took us out for dinner, driving her convertible with the top down. My memories of Stan and Emmy Lou include a weekend cross-country skiing in Sunriver. Never having attempted the sport before, I was thrilled to be able to ski down a very small hill in their back yard. When we had our many Cousins Reunions at Neahkahnne Stan and Emmy Lou were great fun and so much a part of those happy times. I will miss her and feel privileged to have known her. My sympathy to Barry, Sandy and Ted for their loss. It is our loss as well. Lisa Hart Guthrie

Lisa Hart Guthrie - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MP

“*Emmy Lou, you will be sorely missed. My husband, Gordon and I spent many wonderful times babysitting Nutmeg and their home in Sunriver spending time with her mother, Sue Schmidt (our mothers sister). Sadly, I saw less of Emmy in our later years but remember her as a consummate hostess, generous and full of love and life. As my brother wrote, she bore a great resemblance to our mother. We extend our deepest sympathies to her sons, Ted, Barry and Sandy and to their families.*

Mikes Munro Patterson - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BW

“*My heart aches today as I am learning about Emmy Lous passing in May. I met Emmy in April of 2004 when I was the Life Enrichment/Wellness Coordinator at Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village. After meeting Emmy Lou for the first time, I only made two mistakes in remembering her name. We laughed about this often as I called her, Betty Lou and Ellie Mae, but never again. Ha Ha! Emmy and I went on long extended hikes, out for breakfast, lunches and dining spots around Central Oregon. We went to Crater Lake, The Cowboy Dinner Tree and were even in a play together at the Tower Theater. Emmy Lou and I visited about her sons, friends and life with Stan as often as there was time and she attended our Be Fit exercise class twice a week for 7 years. I am saddened to learn that I will not get to spend time with her here on earth but delightfully look forward to seeing her again in heaven. Love you Emmy Lou.*

Beth-Ann Wesley - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM