



## Ethel Ann "Scotty" Riper

June 13, 1934 - June 16, 2019

Ethel Ann "Scotty" Riper June 13, 1934 - June 16, 2019 Ethel Ann "Scotty" Riper, age 85, passed away on June 16 in Bend after battling pulmonary fibrosis and cancer. Scotty was born in San Jose, California, the daughter of Walter John Prout and Gladys Leona (Berry) Prout. She was raised along with her beloved siblings Brenda and Gary. She met her husband, Richard Andrew Riper, and married in February 1954 in San Francisco, California. After living in California & Pennsylvania the family settled in Bend, Oregon in 1970. They raised 7 children. Scotty was a very strong, independent woman. She was a self-taught artist and loved to create. She somehow, while raising her seven children, found time to always express her creativity. She could make something out of anything with her keen creative eye. Painting, sculpting, arranging, and decorating were her main outlets, always moving items around and picking out the perfect color or objects for her latest project. She was a member of Arts Northwest and the Watercolor Society of Oregon. Scotty also loved to garden, creating wonderful areas of beauty to enjoy. She couldn't pass up an opportunity to gather items from nature. The family has memories of stopping along the roadside to gather cattails, reeds, thistles, pine cones, sea shells, and river rocks for her creations. Scotty loved a bargain; one of her favorite activities was going to garage sales and making regular visits to the thrift stores. She loved to read, had a sharp wit, excelled at scrabble and crosswords. She was very passionate in her causes through letters to the editor, named by the Bend Bulletin as the "Poison Pen Lady". Other areas of

interest were watching tennis, Fox News, and horse racing. Something many don't know is that she learned to fly a single-engine plane and completed her first solo flight. Scotty cherished her beloved animals and was a strong proponent for animal rights, favoring small dogs and their needs. She loved her walks at the dog parks with her fellow small dog owners. She loved watching birds and feeding them in her garden. The family has many treasured memories of summer camping trips, fishing, family reunions and she thoroughly enjoyed time at the beach. Scotty took over as owner of the Central Oregon Builders Exchange (as it was called then) in late 1978. She owned and operated the business for nearly 20 years. She enjoyed her many interactions with area contractors, architects, and community members. Scotty is preceded in death by her husband, Richard Andrew Riper, brother Gary Prout, and sister Brenda Kolar. She is survived by her seven children: son Steven Riper and daughters Pamela Tennant and Christina Ryan of Bend, sons Lawrence Riper of Astoria and Richard Walter Riper of Sweet Home, and daughters Susan Olson of Houston, Texas and Patricia Surguy of Austin Texas. She has 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A casual reception will be held Monday, June 24, from 4-7 PM at Compass Park, 2500 NW Crossing Drive. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Central Oregon Humane Society and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I stumbled across this obit and am sorry to see Scotty has passed. She and I were great friends many years ago in San Francisco when working for Ma Bell!! I was the little girl from the country and she was the sophisticated girl in the city. She helped me figure out what to wear, colors etc. We had fun on dates and grumbled a lot about our jobs!! Although we lived in the same apartment building we did not visit back and forth....however one day I needed her help with something and she invited me in. I was astounded to walk through the door turn around and be faced with a HUGE portrait of a Mexican Man painted on the wall. I had no idea she was an artist....it was her private thing!! And it was magnificent. I'm happy to know she was able over the years to continue with her art and achieve some acclaim. Loanne (Jo) Livesay Rebuck

Loanne Rebuck - July 05, 2025 at 12:27 PM



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

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“ I'm saddened to hear of Aunt Scotty's passing. I haven't seen her in years, but a wonderful memory as a child was before she had children I'm a niece. She had me come over to make Christmas cookies complete with fancy decorations! It is a memory I've cherished for years My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time,

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**Regina Riper Hillman** - June 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Stay strong

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**Dee Welbourn McCall** - June 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Very sorry for your loss Pam, I hope your happy memories will see you thru this tough time.

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**Patti Felton** - June 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM