



Helyn VanSickle Kobelin

November 18, 1928 - December 19, 2018

Helyn passed away December 19th shortly after suffering a stroke earlier in the month. Helyn started and ended her life in the place she loved most; Bend. From the family home near downtown, Helyn had the unique opportunity to walk to school every day from 1st grade until her graduation in 1946. Helyn was a student at St. Francis elementary school, Reid School and Bend High School. After high school graduation, she worked in the office of Dr. Peter Chernonkeff. Helyn met Don Kobelin shortly after he arrived in Bend in 1951. Don came to Bend after he served in WWII and completed his Forestry degree at Washington State University. As Don was working to start the new BLM office in Bend, he and Helyn met at a community dance, fell in love and were married for 62 years; Don passed away in 2016. Dons career with the BLM took them to Boise, where all three children were born. In 1964, they moved to Roseburg where the three kids graduated from High School. After Dons retirement and a few years of being empty nesters, Don and Helyn returned to Bend in 1998. Helyn spent her entire married life as a homemaker and was actively involved in all aspects of raising her three children. For years, Helyn volunteered at various school programs and events; she was also active with womens groups at First United Methodist Church. Helyn was preceded in death by her husband Donald, daughter Nancy Kobelin (Casey) Keller, and brother George (Judy). She is survived by her sister Joanne VanSickle, daughter Donna Kobelin (Phil) Taylor, son Michael (Carey), six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Helyn will be laid to rest

alongside many other family members at Pilot Butte Cemetery, December, 2018. Lunch will be served at a Celebration of Life immediately following in the Community Hall at Snowberry Retirement Community, 1188 NE 27th. Helyns family wants to thank the medical staff at St. Charles Hospital and the exceptional team at Hospice House. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of these organizations.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:37 PM

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“ *Helyn VanSickle Kobelin*

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

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“ *I will always remember Helyn and her always welcoming me with open arms into your home in Roseburg during junior high and high school days. She was a lovely, lovely lady. I'm sure Don and Nancy embraced her when she arrived. May they all Rest In Peace.*

Robin Sabala Johnson - April 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mike and Carey: Such a sweet picture of your mother. We were so sorry to hear of her passing. All our thoughts are with you and your family at this time.*

Ross and Vicki Mercer - December 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Our thoughts our with you and your family.*

Jim and Kathi Prestwood - December 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM