



## Jeanice Raper

January 19, 1922 - January 30, 2020

Jeanice Esther Raper, known to many of her friends as 'Jan' passed away on January 30, 2020 after 98 years of an adventurous and full life on this earth to join her husband Bill Raper, two sons, grandson and many other friends and family who went before her.

Jeanice was born on January 19, 1922, the only child of Sam and Helen Purcell. She was born in what was then known as Baker City now Baker, Oregon. The family moved to Bend when she was three years old. During her younger years she lived along the Deschutes River where she taught herself to swim in the fast moving waters of the Deschutes. She graduated from Bend High School in the spring of 1939 and married her sweetheart Bill in the fall of the same year. They celebrated 72 anniversaries together before Bill passed away in 2010.

They built their home on East Marshall Avenue. It was definitely rural and 'in the outskirts of Bend' at that time. Jeanice had a large garden, raised chickens and cared for her family. She was an independent woman and a devoted wife. She worked briefly for The Bend Bulletin and for the Bend Oil Plant. She belonged to a bowling league and was a member of The Women of the Elk Lodge.

Jeanice hunted and fished with her husband, Bill. They spent summers

camping in the Cascades - Sparks Lake being among their favorite places. They loved rodeos, dancing, and Country Western Concerts. Jeanice raised several German Shorthair hunting dogs and she loved them all.

She is survived by her two Grandchildren Jeff Raper of Whitefish, Montana, Kristin Voisin of Big Sky, Montana, Daughter-in-law Susie Moore of Whitefish, Montana, Great Grandchildren David Raper, Carly Anne Raper, Corey Anne Russell, Kelsey Koch, Michael Voisin, Tucker Voisin and Maggie Voisin. Two Great, Great Grandchildren Everley Beck and Be-El Cedarstrom and nephew Bob Sande of Tualatin, Oregon.

She is preceded in death by her parents Sam and Helen Purcell, her husband Bill (Clarence) Raper, her dear sons Ronald Dee Raper, Gary Raper and grandson Ronald Scott Raper.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations in Jeanices's memory can be made to Sisters Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Sisters, Oregon or The Humane Society of Central Oregon Animal Shelter in lieu of flowers.

A celebration of Jeanice's life is being planned for mid to late March. More information will follow. Please visit the online registry for the family at [www.niswonger-reynolds.com](http://www.niswonger-reynolds.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ My husband and I moved into the home next door this last summer. I was never able to meet her personally, but the surrounding neighbors all had lovely things to say about her and her family over the years. My husband and I always noticed the coming and going of various caretakers and took comfort that she was being cared for by them and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Let us know if there is anything we can do as neighbors.- Danya and Tyler Babich

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**Danya Babich** - March 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Raper Family, I am so glad I got to know Jeanice. She was a spirited woman with a great sense of humor and a generous heart. Her and Bill gave me some great laughs over the years and I am honored to know them both. Chris Mahr

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**Chris Mahr** - February 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Susie and family. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of Jeanice. I have so many happy memories of camping at Sparks Lake with Bill and Jeanice, the Winslow's, the Cothrell's and my parents Vern & Virgie Carlon. She was a good friend to my mother and such a sweet person. My thoughts and best wishes to you all. Colleen Carlon

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**Colleen Carlon** - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM