



Jo Ann Philbeck White Detroit

June 30, 1939 - October 23, 2015

June 30, 1939 -October 23, 2015 Beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend, Jo Ann Philbeck White Detroit, age 76, went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 23, 2015 Bend Oregon, suddenly and unexpectedly. Jo Ann was on the West Monroe High School ladies basketball team. She graduated with a Bachelors degree in mathematics from Louisiana Tech in Ruston Louisiana. After college she went to work for the Idaho National Reactor Testing Station, as a Mathematician for ZPA (Zero Power Reactor) core radioactive reaction calculations. There she met her soul mate and future husband, Ken Detroit. They were married August 10, 1963 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. They moved from Idaho Falls to Pocatello, Idaho, then they moved to Eugene, Oregon, where she took pride in being a mommy. They finally settled in Bend, Oregon in the early 1970s. She became a representative with the Welcome Wagon, visiting newcomers after relocation, providing a gift bag with coupons, advertisements from local businesses, and small red Bible tracts. Jo Ann worked for the State of Oregon Welfare Department as a job developer for a few years. For the past 25 or so years, she has been a successful Real Estate Broker and owner of The Oregon Dream Realty, Inc. She enjoyed working in her yard and garden, going for regular walks with her closest friend through their neighborhood, spending her time researching and assisting her husband, as his secretary for writing his Bible study lessons, and participating in Bible studies with family and friends. She looked forward to weekly or monthly movie days and dinner with Ken, Cindy and her closest friends, Linda

and Bob. Jo Ann loved her family deeply and thought of others before herself and gave selflessly, always putting the needs of others before her own. Her greatest joy was found in her personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She LOVED Gods Word! She longed for the return of our Blessed Savior and eagerly awaited being caught up in the rapture, and being with Jesus in heaven. In recent years, she enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, cruises to Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, St. Thomas, St. Martin, Jamaica, Grand Caymen and Cozumel. The trip of her lifetime was to the Holy Land with her husband. She glowed and beamed with wonder and amazement as she could see and experience walking where Jesus walked, on the Sea of Galilee. Swimming in the Dead Sea and going on a boat in the sea of Galilee, seeing Masada, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the tomb were her most treasured memories. Jo Ann is survived by her husband of 52 years, Kenneth A. Detroit; daughter, Cynthia Detroit; son, Nathan Detroit; two brothers, Steven White, and Jimmy White; and cousin Ruth Beavers. She also leaves behind numerous loving relatives and friends. Celebration of Jo Anns Life will be Friday, October 30, 2015; Viewing from 11:00-1:00 at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home, 105 NW Irving, Bend Oregon 97701, followed by a graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery. Public access is from Northeast Bear Creek Road or 12th Street and Hawthorne, at 1:00. Between 2:30-4:30 there will be a Remembrance gathering at the Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road, Bend Oregon, 97702.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

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“ *To Joanns Family, I was so shocked to hear of Joanns sudden departure from this life. I say that because I talked to her this summer in July, about my son finding a property with a home on it. I worked with Joann at Bend Real Estate, before she started The Oregon Dream and before I started the Real Estate Connection, back in the 80s and 90s . She will be missed. I am a retired Realtor myself, and depended on my Real Estate friends to help out my family and me after I retired on disability. Joann was one of those trusted friends. We had many laughs together, in our Real Estate endeavors. She was so jovial and fun to be around. I will Carol and Joe Oatman*

Carol V. Oatman - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM