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Joanne passed away on Sunday, February 11th after living a great life in Bend, Oregon, the only town she ever lived in.

Joanne was a true pioneer of Bend. The Van Sickle family first arrived in Bend in the

1920's; Joanne was the third of three children born in their home in the 'Old Bend'

neighborhood. Joanne continued to live in that house her entire life until she moved to

the Whispering Winds Retirement Center four years ago.

Growing up, Joanne walked everyday across the Mirror Pond bridge to Kenwood school

through the seventh grade; she then attended Bend High School and graduated in 1953.

Joanne committed her entire working career to the City of Bend Water Department;

Joanne worked in the City Hall Building on Wall Street until she retired after 40 years in

the mid-1990's.

Joanne is frequently described by her friends as a very caring, quiet person.

She was active in the local Soroptimist group and she also belonged to the Bend Historical Society and the Deschutes Pioneer Association. Besides these organizations, Joanne was considered 'the go to gal' helping to organize and manage various activities for the BHS Class of '53 reunions and get-togethers. Joanne was preceded in death by her mother Agnes, father Morris, sister Helyn, and brother George. Joanne was laid to rest near many other family members at Pilot Butte Cemetery on February 16, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for this spring when it is easier for friends and family to travel to Bend. Joanne's family wants to thank the medical staff at St. Charles Hospital for their comfort and care in the last few days of her life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Partners in Care Hospice House.

Tribute Wall

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“*Joanne was a neighbor of ours on Jefferson Place and what a wonderful and funny person she was and sure still is.... Many fond memories of Joanne and she will always be in our hearts.... Just wish we were able to see her before her passing.... Rest well Joanne 😞*

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