



Karen M. Lansdowne

August 11, 1926 - March 12, 2022

Karen M. Lansdowne passed away peacefully in Bend, Oregon on March 12, 2022. She was 95 years old.

Karen was born in Twin Falls, Idaho. She grew up in Goshen, Oregon and went to a one-room schoolhouse. She was a ship welder during the war.

She attended the University of Oregon, where she met her husband, Paul Lansdowne. She attained her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in English Literature, with a specialty in Shakespeare. She taught English Literature at South Eugene High School, the University of Oregon and at Lane Community College. She loved starting her Shakespeare classes by pointing out all the jokes in the plays to her students.

Karen and her husband, Paul, held their 50th wedding anniversary at their log house in La Pine, Oregon. They enjoyed traveling across the country to explore genealogy and met many other Lansdowne's along the way. Upon retirement, they spent a year in England while Paul taught hotel classes and Karen explored literary sites in England and Ireland. Karen and Paul enjoyed spending time at the coast in their Florence home, which they called "The Sand Castle" and in their Siltcoos Lake float house. They were especially proud of their renovated Victorian home, built in 1890, in Eugene.

Karen was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Lansdowne, her sister, Lilah Bidwell, her brother, Keith Taylor, and her mother, Effie Taylor. She is survived by her two children, Michele Lansdowne and Larry Lansdowne, her four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

You are invited to share memories with the family and sign the guestbook online at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home in Bend at www.niswonger-reynolds.com.

Donations may be made in her name to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Karen was a great life-long friend to my parents, Gordon and Lillian Schneider. I remember her gift for making fun, inviting homes (Eugene, with bowling and a pony! A float house with a tree growing magically from the deck!) while carrying on with her career as a college teacher of Shakespeare and raising her family. She gave me a view of what was possible. My deepest sympathy to Michelle, Larry and their families.*

Lisa Schneider - March 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Larry, I am thinking of you. My condolences on the loss of your mother.*

Margaret Alexander - March 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Karen M. Lansdowne - March 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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Bend Funeral Homes - March 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM