



Lenore A. Sunnell Groat

February 24, 1940 - December 27, 2020

Lenore Sunnell Groat was born February 24, 1940 in Aberdeen WA to Leo and Mabel Sunnell. She passed away December 27, 2020 in Bend, OR of an age-related illness.

The family moved to Eugene in 1941 where Lenore grew up. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1962 and began working for Prudential Insurance Co. She moved to Salem in the early 1970s to continue her career with Prudential. Later, she worked for the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. Lenore moved to Bend in early 1991 and became active with the Cascade Festival of Music, the Assistance League of Bend, and Grace First Lutheran Church. Lenore loved to travel, especially to Scandinavia. Her other interests included cooking, knitting, golfing, walking her pet poodles on the Oregon Coast, and volunteering for Operation School Bell.

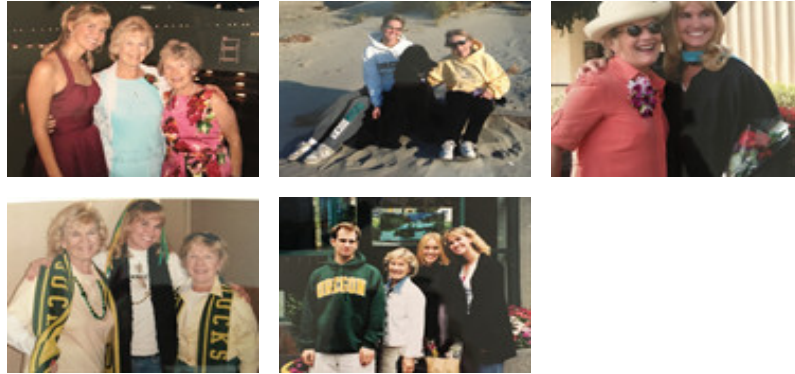
She is survived by her brother Ken Sunnell (Lynn) of Bend, sister Kaaren Sunnell Kneff (Dennis) of Simi Valley, CA, nieces Heidi Kneff-Eacott (Lars) of Simi Valley, CA, and Kathryn Henson (Trent) of Bend, OR, nephews Scott Kneff (Kerri) of Moorpark, CA and Kevin Donnelly (Julie) of Bend, OR, three grand-nieces, three grand-nephews, and numerous cousins.

Donations may be made in her name to the Assistance League of Bend. Services will be private.

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“ Thank you Aunt Nori for the wonderful memories we made together, from traveling through Scandinavia to spending time together on the Oregon Coast and going to Oregon football games. Thank you for being at all of my graduations to cheer me on and for teaching me how to be a champion shopper (although no one could ever match you!). You vowed to be the best aunt possible, and you were. You have been an incredible inspiration, support, and role-model. Rest In Peace now my dear auntie. I love you. 💜

Heidi Kneff-Eacott - January 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM