



Lillian "Dianne" D. Bernert

January 24, 1935 - December 10, 2019

Services will be held at a later date.

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

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Tribute Wall

BG

“ Kellie, your mother hired me as a young, "wanna live in Bend Oregon" midwesterner. She instilled in me the importance of good cook ware. That was over 25 years ago and I still use things I bought from her store using my paycheck. She was a tough, woman that I admired and impressed me. I have her to thank for what I've become today.

Brittany Griffith - June 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Thank you, Lori! It was great to see you over these past months - your devotion to Mom's store and the outstanding products she had on her shelves - is greatly appreciated. I miss her more and more every day - and as you guessed, I am seeing what a strong, successful business woman she was!

Kellie Bernert-Yap - February 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Thank you so much for your kind and so very accurate comments about my Mom. As her only child, I miss her more and more each day. She accomplished so many things in her life. This foster child from a very poor family, had big dreams. She made so many of them come true!

Kellie Bernert-Yap - February 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Bend lost an icon with Dianne's death. A longtime downtown business owner, she witnessed and sought solutions to the many changes unfolding over the years, particularly in how her fellow business owners were treated by city and landlords alike. Expecting accountability, compassion and fairness, she was not shy about not only expressing concerns but also changing vendors or brands of her wares that failed to meet their proclaimed standards. She lived through the transitions of "big box discounts", product quality changes and digital price matching, continuing to choose quality over price in her products. Her frankness put off some customers and endeared her to others. In some ways, her shop, concerns and employees were bastions for a simpler time where quality, accountability and direct communication mattered. Minnesota Ave will not be the same, having a large hole for those of us who appreciated her presence.*

J Powell - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Hard working, devoted to her trade, honest and a good business woman are just a few of the words that come to mind when thinking of Dianne. I worked with her years ago but she never failed to greet me by name. We would then catch each other up on our lives. She was always interested and genuine. I will miss her and her wonderful shop! My kitchen is full of her wares. Deepest sympathy to you Kellie and friends.*

Lori Waterhouse - December 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We met Dianne when we moved to Bend in 2013. We loved her dearly and always made it a point to stop in her shop when in town, to buy things we needed, and to catch up on each other's lives. We just learned of her passing and send her family our deepest condolences. Dianne was a wonderful woman. She will be deeply missed. 🙏❤️🌹 Cynthia & Carson Bird

Cynthia Chavez - December 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My Mother was a strong, capable and assertive woman who did not shy away from conflict - and told it the way she saw it! In my life, I have never seen such a hard worker. We miss her very, very much, and know she is at peace and no longer in pain. Love you Mom - see you on the other side!

Kellie Bernert-Yap - December 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM