



## Linda Jane Marshall

June 25, 1937 - April 25, 2026

Our beloved mother, Linda Jane Marshall, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2026, at the age of 88. She leaves behind a lifetime of cherished memories and a grateful family forever shaped by her constant and unconditional love.

Mom was born in St. Helens, Oregon, to Stanford and Jane Merrifield on June 25, 1937. She wed her high school sweetheart, Duane, in 1956, and they began their married life in Corvallis, Oregon, while Duane attended Oregon State College and mother worked for Whitney Ball Insurance. Upon Duane's graduation, they moved to Newberg, Oregon, where they raised their family and made many long and lasting friendships over the next 57 years.

In Newberg, she worked for Buckley's Insurance for 36 years, but her greatest devotion was to her family. She filled our home with love, laughter, and warmth, celebrated every milestone, and made everyday moments unforgettable. Her kind and caring spirit touched friends, neighbors, and those who knew her.

She loved to read and trade paperbacks with friends and never missed a weekly trip—or two—to the public library. She enjoyed tending her yard and collecting all things adorned with violets, from porcelain pieces and vintage postcards to wall art and more. Hunting for treasures and displaying her finds

brought her great joy, especially in the years after she lost her beloved husband in 1988.

In addition to her husband, Duane, she was preceded in death by her brother, Lawrence Merrifield, and her son-in-law, Steven Worcester. She is survived by her son, David (Kathy) Marshall, and two daughters, Lisa Worcester and Leigh (Michael) Lewis; her two cherished granddaughters, Kacey (Jordan) Potis and Olivia Lewis; and her great-grandson, Axel Potis.

Mother's final resting place will be in St. Helens, Oregon, at Yankton Hillcrest Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon State University Foundation at [osufoundation.org/give](https://osufoundation.org/give); please designate the Duane E. Marshall Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Contributions may also be made to the Newberg Library Friends, 503 E. Hancock Street, Newberg, OR 97132, please note for the purchase of books in Linda Marshall's memory.

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home was honored to handle the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ 3 files added to the album *Linda Marshall through the years*



Leigh Lewis - June 01 at 10:10 PM

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“ *Kim Heater lit a candle in memory of Linda Jane Marshall*



Kim Heater - June 01 at 05:10 PM

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Sattler Family - May 27 at 05:25 PM

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*Madi, Olivia, G'ma Linda, and Grant - Fall of 2006*

Sattler Family - May 27 at 05:43 PM

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“ We had the pleasure of first meeting Linda in the Spring of 1997, when she accompanied Leigh and Mike on a visit to New York City - one of the weekend destination getaways for families stationed at the Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut. We were each heading out for a fun theatre night (albeit different performances) so the encounter was brief, but it led to a long-lived and pleasurable correspondence with her these past many years! Linda was a gifted and thoughtful letter-writer, faithfully updating us on her news and always mindful to ask about all the latest on our end. One time, she sent along a collection of what she called “bits and pieces” of saved greeting cards and decorative embellishments, knowing that as a crafter of handmade cards, I would repurpose them into new keepsakes - and with that simple act, we had an immediate recycle-reuse connection! She was witty and spirited in her narrative, so it was always a treat to receive correspondence from her - writing traits well-inherited by Leigh, who carries on the dying art of the handwritten note with her mother’s lovely penmanship. These are the memories we will cherish of Linda. May she now rest in peace with her beloved Duane and know that she will be well-remembered . . . particularly whenever we find ourselves in the presence of violets! Our deepest sympathies to the Lewis-Marshall-Worcester Family on the loss of an irreplaceable matriarch - Scott & Ria Hudson



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Scott & Ria Hudson - May 19 at 09:38 PM

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Leigh Lewis - May 14 at 09:06 PM

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*Such a great photo!*

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**Scott & Ria Hudson** - May 21 at 04:07 PM

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*So many memories. We are so blessed to have been part of chosen family. Linda and Duane were my "other parents" in grade school and middle school, the other home where I felt as comfortable as my own home. What began as a friendship with Leigh in first grade evolved into what truly felt like family. Linda was Grandma Linda to my kids and, as she did with everything, curated a beautiful relationship that wove into so much of our lives. So many everyday things bring memories. Truly a life lived well, she remains a part of us all.*

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**Tracy Sattler Family** - May 27 at 05:18 PM