



## Lynelle S. Thomas

March 30, 1930 - January 8, 2016

Bend, Oregon Lynelle S. Thomas at 85 years young died on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 11:30 AM in her residents in Bend, OR. She was surrounded by her family and friends when she passed from this world into the next peacefully and painlessly. Mom was born in Big Spring, Texas on March 30, 1930 to Coral Beacher and Delia (Moore) Sullivan. Mom went to Abilene Christian College, with a Masters in English under her belt, she met and married Major Lynn E. Thomas (retired USAF). an Air Force Fighter Pilot fresh from combat in the Korean War. They were married in Big Spring, TX. on April 2nd 1953. Lynn and Lynelle raised two sons, Lynn JR. and Timothy Lynn, in the military until Dad retired in 1969 after serving 20 years. After Dads retirement in Air Force, it was time for Mom to continue her career. Lynelle was hired by Fred Boyle President of C.O.C.C. in 1970 in the Physical Education Dept. with Rodger Gildersleeve, Art Westin, and Earl Lynn. They accomplished so much with their knowledge and skills in, Skiing, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, and Volleyball. She will always be remembered as "Coach" by the Ladies of the COCC Bobcats Volleyball team. She took a sabbatical at the Pritikin Longevity Center in 1980 and has educated us all in the art of good health and good living. She did more to educate the community and the Medical field about Gluten intolerance than any Medical Journal could accomplish. In the early 1970s, Mom couldnt understand the womens liberation movement because she said, "I cant be liberated because I was never in bondage." Mom had no problem getting what she wanted. She retired from C.O.C.C in 1994 and she

continued with her teaching and coaching with Jenny Sheldons Tai Chi classes. Spirited to end. She is survived by her son, Lynn JR., Daughter in-law Patricia, her two Granddaughters, Chloe and Ahlee, and a Great Granddaughter Tinley Kailynn. A viewing time will be held Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 10 until 11 AM at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery. A Celebration of her life will begin at 1:00 PM at the Newport Church of Christ.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

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**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 02:23 PM

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“ *Lynelle S. Thomas*

**Funeral Home Owner** - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family at the lost of your dear Lynelle. I was acquainted with Lynelle from the 1970s and 80s during our employment at COCC. I remember her as a vibrant, active, caring lady with a positive influence on her students and colleagues. Lynn & Patty, your dedication to Lynelle in these past years is admirable. I know her absence from your life will be intense. With caring,*

**Fran Greenlee** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM