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Phyllis Elaine (Mahlendorf) Bridge was born on November 24, 1928, to Harry and Esther Mahlendorf at Anoka, Nebraska. She passed away on May 25, 2025, at Hospice House in Bend, Oregon.

Phyllis attended rural grade schools, then high school in Bristow and Spencer, Nebraska. She graduated from Spencer High School in 1945. She received an Accredited Records Technician (ART) degree in the medical records field in 1971.

On March 6, 1948, she married Donald W. Bridge at Rosedale Church in Bristow, Nebraska. Don and Phyllis were the parents of three children: Nancy, James, and Diane. They made their first home in Chadron, Nebraska, later moving to Pickstown, South Dakota, and then to a farm near Wagner, South Dakota. In 1977 they moved to Oregon, living first in Mill City and then Woodburn. In 2022, Phyllis moved to Bend, Oregon, where she could be closer to her daughter.

Phyllis worked at the Wagner Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner, South Dakota in the medical records department as an ART for nine years. After she

and Don moved to Oregon, she was employed by the Oregon Forestry Service for three years. She was a decades-long member of the United Methodist Church, and held offices in the United Methodist Women and the Evening Circle. She was a Sunday School teacher, Bible school teacher, and 4H leader when her children were young.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don, her five siblings, her daughter Nancy, and her son James. Survivors include son-in-law Curt (Nancy) Seiders, daughter-in-law Elaine (James) Bridge, daughter Diane Bridge and her husband Jack Landau, and seven grandchildren and their spouses: Amy (Seiders) and Doug Becker, Beth (Seiders) and Shantian Simmons, Brian and Becca Bridge, Mark and Sarah Bridge, Kevin and Alexandria Bridge, Aaron and Kirby Landau, and Nathan Landau and his wife Meg Birchfield, as well as her eight great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Phyllis loved her family, her friends, her faith, and flowers of all kinds. She loved learning and never stopped enjoying new places and experiences.

Interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. As she requested, the family will hold a private celebration of her life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be made to her long-time spiritual home, Woodburn United Methodist Church in Woodburn, Oregon.

Tribute Wall

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“ *_Phyllis and I have been friends since our teen years. Living not far apart in the states of Nebraska and South Dakota. Only some friendships last a lifetime and ours was one that did. We didn't see each other but a few times due to distance, but we corresponded by letter. I found my life in Minnesota. My sincere sympathy goes to her daughter Diane, family of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even more "greats". Phyllis has been a woman worthy of respect and accomplishment. A strong faith in God. Praise the Lord . Naomi Chelstrom - St.. Paul, MN*

Naomi Chelstrom - June 01, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Terry and Dea Bridge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Elaine Bridge.*

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“ *Terry and Dea Bridge purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Phyllis Elaine Bridge.*



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“ over the nearly 50 years that nancy and i were married phyllis and don were an important part of our lives. we always looked forward to trips to oregon and the wagner farm. they were wonderful grandparents and role models for amy and beth.

curt seiders - May 31, 2025 at 11:59 AM