



Phyllis Johnson Stuewig

March 14, 1937 - July 14, 2014

Phyllis Johnson Stuewig passed away Monday July 14, 2014. She was a resident of Bend for the last 14 years. She is survived by her 5 children Cheryl Johnson, Susan McKenzie, Steven McKenzie, Jeff Stuewig, Stephanie Carlson, 11 grandchildren, three sisters and brother. She was the 2nd of 6 children born and raised in Salisbury MD. She graduated from nursing school and then attended Eastern Nazarene College. Phyllis dedicated her career to geriatric nursing and was a pioneer in improving senior care in the nursing home environment. Later, she was in the first graduating class of those training to be nurse practitioners at the Univ. of California, San Francisco, and continued to practice on a higher level with the elderly in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. She spent her years molding several institutions into a culture of quality care and dignity; redefining the entire approach taken in geriatric care and making quality of life and comfort the highest priorities. Nearing retirement, she was invited to join the board of directors of ABHOW (American Baptist Homes of the West) where she continued in that capacity until her latest illness. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, participated in numerous groups within the community of Bend, and was also one of the founding members of High Desert Village. Phyllis will be remembered by her friends and family for her generosity, strength, compassion and courage as she tackled many hurdles in her life. She engaged everyone and made friends wherever she went by unconditionally giving of herself. A memorial service was held Thursday, July

17, 2014 in the First United Methodist Church of Bend. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church 680 NW Bond St. Bend, OR 97701.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:24 PM

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“ *Phyllis Johnson Stuewig*

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

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“ *Phyllis was a true and amazing friend to my mother Alice Banta, especially through my mothers protracted illness and death in 2012. Phyllis selfless help and warm compassion touched the lives of our entire family.*

Stephen Zier - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Phyllis was our moms best friend, Alice Banta, and helped my siblings and myself during her illness and death. She was a wonderful person and I for one will miss her greatly. I am so sorry for your loss. Sarah, Mark, Lido and Jesse Albiani Arvada, Colorado*

Sarah Albiani - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Phyllis served as my disciple teacher at the UMC in Bend. Her sharp wit and probing questions restored my faith and I am eternally grateful. She spoke often of her family and she cared for more friends than I could count. I am saddened to learn of her passing and a small piece of me has forever passed. Blessing to all.*

Liz Hitt - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM