



Virginia Laughlin

September 23, 1912 - November 6, 2014

September 23, 1912 November 6, 2014 1912 2014 Virginia Laughlin was born on September 23, 1912 in Klondike, Oregon in the home of her grandparents, A.B. and Elizabeth Potter. She passed away on November 6, 2014 at Aspen Ridge in Bend, Oregon. Prior to that she had lived in Bend with her daughter, Gingir, for several years. Virginia was 102 years old. Virginias grandparents settled in Sherman County in the early 1800s. A.B. Potter bought the General Store at Klondike in 1889. Virginias parents were Raymond and Mayme Morehouse. They farmed in Sherman County, and Virginia retained vivid memories of the beautiful horses her father owned, the work horses Babe and Toots, in particular. She attended the little red schoolhouse in Klondike, the Wasco School, and graduated from The Dalles High School. It was there she met her future husband, Dale Laughlin. They eloped in 1932, and lived in The Dalles. Virginia worked at The Dalles General Hospital as a book-keeper; and her husband worked for the Docherty Furniture Co. laying linoleum. After several years they moved to Wasco to be near her family, and opened Dales Clothing. Her uncle, George Potter, was closing the Klondike Store so display counters and merchandise were moved to the Wasco store. Dales Clothing was in business for several decades. It was a pleasure and a challenge to them both. They survived both the fire that burned the Wasco Hotel to the ground in the 1950s, and the 1964 flood, with the help of townspeople who quickly moved the store merchandise to safety. Virginias family was musical. Her mother played the piano for square-dances in the large space above the

General Store in Klondike, and her father was the caller. Virginia, herself, played the piano and the organ. She loved to read, garden, and to paint watercolors. She was always supportive of her children, and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are so grateful to the staff at Aspen Ridge, and to Partners in Care Home Health and Hospice in Bend for their loving patience and incredible care. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Laughlin and Gingir Hakala; grandchildren, Heidi Patterson (Scot), Don Hakala (Christy), and Andy Hakala (Michelle); great-grandchildren, Natalie, Nathan, Ben, Riley, Ethan, and Austin; her sister, Eulalie Welk; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale, in 1982; her brothers, Jerrold and Kenneth Morehouse; and son-in-law, Don Hakala. A service will be held in Wasco at the Methodist Church, at 11:00am on Friday Nov., 14th, 2014. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice or to the charity of your choice.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sharon, Gingir and family, I have such fond memories of your mom at Dales Clothing. She always struck me as such a lady. I know you are missing her, and I send my condolences to you. Warmly, Reine

ReineThomas - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I loved Dales Clothing (and liquor store in later years)! We moved to Sherman County in 1984 so never met Dale but Virginias story is really the story of Sherman County, of hard-working, gracious, good, people. I could get everything I needed at Dales Clothing and during cold weather could leave the car running while I went in to shop. We left Sherman County in 2010 moving between Bend and Redmond. Im glad Virginia had the view of the mountains and family to comfort her. What a treasure Virginia was to the community. Jerry and I send our condolences to the family whose live have also crossed our paths at various times always with that same spirit of goodness and generosity. Rest in Peace, Virginian.

Jane Kirkpatrick - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM