



## Claire Marie Renard

December 18, 1944 - August 19, 2020

Claire Marie Renard, or Tinker to most people, was born in Clatskanie, Oregon, on December 18, 1944. She died of natural causes at her home in Corvallis on August 19, 2020. She is survived by her mother, Claire Sproul, and her siblings John Renard, Dick Sproul, Caprice Pleap, Betty Ann Oyler, and Diana Sproul. She is also survived by her daughters D'Anne Hammond and Colleen Doyle Point, her son William Patrick Wagner, and her six grandchildren: Michael, Jacob, Megan, Colton, Marshall, and Rachael. Her friends, too many to count, will also be missing her very much.

Tinker was a daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, farmer, gardener, horse trainer, dog trainer, lover of animals, administrative assistant at two universities, co-op board member at her mobile home park, stamp collector, canning queen, and friend to nearly everyone she met. She was also thought of as a professional chef by everyone who tasted her cooking. She was always good for a laugh and loved nothing more than making other people feel good. If you were feeling bad, she was the cure. She kept in touch with nearly every friend she ever had and would call out of the blue just to brighten someone's day.

She hadn't been feeling well but her death was shockingly sudden. She died quickly and peacefully with her sister, Caprice, by her side. She was cremated with a picture of her beloved Maggie (Mango) at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis. Her ashes will be distributed from the Siuslaw Bridge in Florence and we plan to have a celebration of life at a later date.

We will all miss her tremendously, rest her soul.

# Comments

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“ Tinker was one of a kind. I remember she taught me how to make black berry pie. It was so good. I met her favorite cat Flat Cat. She will be truly missed.



**Cindy** - October 14, 2020 at 12:36 AM

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“ My sister Tinker loved music, loved to dance, and laughter was her 'best' medicine. As a child I was awed by her horsemanship and beauty. We celebrated our December birthdays together each year rather than Christmas. It was our time. Tinkers character was evident in her love of animals and her loyal and supportive care of her friends.  
In my husband's final days Tinker made homemade soups weekly to tempt his appetite. It was a labor of love and I miss them both deeply.

**Caprice Plaep** - September 06, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ Claire and I were both members of the agricultural and resource economics department (now applied economics) at OSU. Our colleagues all had great respect for her, as did I. She was upbeat and helpful. I was sorry to learn she had passed away. My condolences to her family.

**Dick Johnston** - September 03, 2020 at 11:55 AM

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“ Claire was a wonderful secretary and friend to my husband Greg Perry during part of our time at Oregon State in Corvallis. She was always excited to see our children, knew their names, and had something to share or eat for them. She was always smiling. She always had some hilarious story...like when she had just moved and left the window open for the cat to go in and out and woke up surprised in the middle of the night getting bit from a mouse that the cat had brought into her. May God bless her family that she left behind. Love and hugs to all of you.

Patricia Perry - September 02, 2020 at 01:34 AM

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“ “Tinker Marie Renard~ if ever there was a twinkle in a laugh that was Tinker~ a rebel ~ a lover of dogs & cats ~ her children & family~ cooking & canning....her beloved neighbors and special neighborhood.  
Super intelligent~ writing the community newspaper editorials ~ her intellectual work at the college~ her storied emails that made me laugh ~ her attendance at our wedding (and the after party)~she so loved this photo this sister-in law will miss her~ ” love you Tinker

pam sproul - September 02, 2020 at 12:10 AM

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**pam sproul** - September 02, 2020 at 12:05 AM

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“ Tinker,  
I want to thank you for all you have done for my mom. There were only 2 people in this world who could calm her and reason with her and that was you and Chrissy. Now you both are gone. Heartbreaking  
I will miss our conversations where we would laugh at ourselves about age and ailments. Laughter is the best medicine really.  
To leave this world is to instantly be with our Lord and savior with no more pain and no more tears. That's how I will deal with your passing.  
Love Bobbie Ann

**Bobbie Ann** - September 01, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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“ Tinker,  
Thank you for taking such good care of me for the last 5 years. I will miss you terribly. I love you to the moon and back.  
Auntie Jean

**Auntie Jean** - September 01, 2020 at 09:27 PM

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**Dick** - August 31, 2020 at 12:25 PM

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“ Jamie Wagner lit a candle in memory of Claire Marie Renard



Jamie Wagner - August 28, 2020 at 05:37 PM

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Billy Wagner - August 28, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ Claire always had that wonderful, infectious smile!

Patricia Perry - September 02, 2020 at 01:23 AM

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Dick Johnston

Nancy and Richard Johnston - August 28, 2020 at 05:26 PM

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“ So sad to read of Tinker's passing. She was an intelligent, articulate, and practical person whose conversations will be missed. I only knew her briefly at Lakeshore, but i always enjoyed visiting with her and respected her opinions and perspectives.

chris lee - August 25, 2020 at 11:53 AM