



Arlene Mae Baker

August 31, 1922 - December 29, 2022

Arlene Mae Baker was a Resident on Riverside Drive since 1952. She came into the world August 31 1922 in Elk City, Oregon. Parents, Andrew and Clara (Becker) Bristlin. Her Mom at the age of 50, brought her 10th child into the family. At the age of 3, they moved to Eddyville, Oregon, where Arlene graduated from high school. After graduating high school, Arlene attended O.C.E. in Monmouth for 2 years, with the goal of becoming a teacher. She then left O.C.E. on an emergency contract to return to Eddyville, teaching primary grades for 6 years.

She married her husband Herbert (Bill) Baker in 1948, and moved into Corvallis. She continued her education and graduated from O.C.E. And got her B.S. for teaching at Oregon State. She then taught in the Albany Schools for 30 years, at Madison and Liberty Schools. Arlene then retired 1978. Arlene has a student that has kept in touch with her to this day.

After retiring she and Bill worked together to build a cabin and pole barn on their 52 acres on Shot Pouch. She loved traveling, bowling, she was an excellent bowler, with many trophies, and high game pins to show for her skills) and was the cheerleader of every team she played on! Dancing, she loved all dances, but the Polka was her favorite. Gardening, Arlene could grow anything, and did. Her yard, and garden showcases her talent. She loved, and spent many, many hours outside in her yard, and garden. She followed and was a HUGE fan of the NBA for many years, and could tell you anything you wanted to know about any team, player, or coach.

She and Bill owned several bull dogs through the years, and her last was a Boston Terrier, Lucky.

She also loved and had an extensive clock collection, 191 to be exact. And when they struck the hour, oh my goodness what a commotion!!

The youngest of 10 children, and last survivor- Brothers were Bill, Carl, Albert and Ernest (twins), Edward, Fredrick and Lewis Bristlin. Sisters Kate Petersen and Clara Wakefield. She is survived by many nieces and nephews, "her girls," and many others.

Bill her husband died in 1991. He is survived by many nieces and nephews, and a special friend Tisa Wecht. Arlene now rests beside her husband at Twin Oaks Cemetery.

Her last request for all that survive her, family and friends, is to remember her with the thoughts that touched your life. There will be a celebration of life and potluck, bringing food is not required, on February 25 at 12:30 p.m. at Corvallis Community Center.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **25**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Corvallis Community Center
2601 NW Tyler Ave
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

SG

“ My family & I have just learned of Arlene's passing here in early 2024. We were Arlene's adjacent-yard neighbors at 34161 Riverside Dr for almost 10 years beginning in 2009. We loved Arlene & thought she was one of the greatest neighbors we have ever had. She was so active & vibrant we had no idea what age she was until we read the obituary. Thank you so much, Arlene, for all the generosity you showed our family during our wonderful times on Riverside Drive! Steve, Cindy, James, Mariah & Josh Golston

Steve Golston - March 02, 2024 at 02:41 PM

JS

“ Mrs.Baker was my 4th grade teacher at Madison Elementary School in Albany. I was and still am, train crazy and I would get up from my desk when a train came along the Southern Pacific line and watch the whole train go by and Mrs. Baker would tell my Mother how she and the whole class were used to my sojourns to the window facing Fourth Avenue and the side street Madison.

I don't ever remember being disciplined for my actions but I remember what a great educator she was.

James L Schulte - January 18, 2023 at 03:27 PM

AC

“ Arlene and my father Boyd Eagleson graduated from Eddyville High School together over 90 years ago. They and their other three classmates kept in touch over the years and enjoyed many school reunions together. Arlene was one of Dad's favorite friends and at his passing I received a lovely card from Arlene talking about what a great fellow he was. So sorry for your families loss. She was a great gal. Ann Cook

Ann L Cook - January 05, 2023 at 03:43 PM