



Bertha Louise Woods

March 12, 1938 - December 15, 2020

The family of Bertha L. Woods shares the loss of its guiding light and Matriarch. Bertha's light shined brightly for 82 years. She was called to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 15, 2020, with her children supporting her transition home. She was born in Brady, Texas March 12, 1938 to Jack and Willie Earnest Reed. She later moved to Seaside, California where she graduated from Monterey High School in 1957. She lived in the Monterey Bay Area until 1971 when she moved to San Antonio, Texas. She always took pride in her Texas roots and was happy to be back in Texas. In 1976 she relocated to Corvallis, Oregon where she raised her family until 2015 when she relocated to Kirkland, Washington to better address her health concerns.

Bertha was a believer and it is was important for her to demonstrate her commitment to those less fortunate than her. She was committed to her social causes. Her energy was directed to her church, Kings Circle Church of Corvallis, Oregon, the local NAACP Chapter and helping local families in need. She was a pioneer in helping the then local "Boys Club" transition to "The Boys and Girls Club" to ensure that young girls had a place to be active and participate in sporting activities. Most would say there was no bigger fan of Garfield Elementary School, Highland View Middle School, Corvallis High School or the University of Oregon Athletics as her children matriculated through each. The WOODS Family was well known in the local and state

sports scene.

For those who knew Bertha, they would define her as strong-willed, supportive, compassionate and caring to all that she met. She was willing to give you the side-eye if she thought you deserved it. Your children were her children. She loved people and she was a mentor inside and outside her family. Spending 15 years working at HP in Corvallis, she balanced work and home life issues while keeping a focus on her family and faith. As time passed and her family grew, she worked to ensure that her next generation had a solid foundation to grow from. Grandma's house was the destination place. Each grandchild had time to experience the grandma Bertha's way. Without a doubt grandma's loving hand and guidance left a lasting impression upon each of her nine grandchildren. We all say they are her "dream".

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Berniece Welch, Audrey Colquitte, brother James Reed and her son Sean L. Woods.

She is survived by her sons Michael Millegan of Kirkland, WA, Marcus Woods (Alhanna) of Happy Valley, OR, Lamont Woods (Kira) of Vancouver, WA; daughter Lareina Woods Starr (Ian) of Portland, OR; her brothers, Henry Reed of Federal Way WA and John Wayne Reed of Puyallup, WA; sister Ginger Ann Barnes of Brownwood, TX; grandchildren Whitney Millegan of Atlanta, GA, Kerhahn Woods of Portland, OR, Ajeya Woods of Malibu, CA, Maykayla Woods of Seattle, WA, Macee Woods of Chico, CA, Maya Woods of Vancouver, WA, Sean A. Woods of Albany, Or, Silas Starr of Palo Alto, CA, Mia Starr of Portland OR; several nephews (especially noted Tyrone Wright Sr., Anthony Edwards, Malcom Colquitte); and numerous nieces (especially Audra Colquitte, Dana Colquitte and Joann Black). Bertha had several friends one in particular was Kathy Sullivan of Corvallis, OR who cared and supported her. A special thank you goes to Mercy Martin at Lakeview of Kirkland who danced with her and cared for her. A special thank you also goes to

Evergreen Hospice, especially Erin & Mary. As Bertha would say "let this circle never be broken".

Public viewing and visitation for Bertha will be Monday, December 28, 2020 at McHenry Funeral Home from 1:00-3:00 PM. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Kings Circle Church in Corvallis with a burial following at Oak Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family asks that a donation be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis, 112 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis OR 97330 or donate online at <http://www.bgccorvallis.org/give>. Donations should be made to the Bertha L and Sean L Woods Endowment Fund, which will be directed towards sponsoring the boys and girls who cannot afford to participate in the Club's activities. We are grateful and thank you for helping us to honor our mother.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Visitation

DEC 29. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Kings Circle Assembly of God
2110 NW Circle Blvd
Corvallis, OR 97330

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Kings Circle Assembly of God
2110 NW Circle Blvd
Corvallis, OR 97330

Graveside Committal

DEC **29**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery
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(541) 753-4532

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McHenry Funeral Home - January 03, 2021 at 06:15 PM



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McHenry Funeral Home - January 03, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Michael,*
I wa saddened to learn of your mother's passing and wanted to offer
my condolences to your family.

Take care,
Linda Greene

Linda - December 29, 2020 at 07:45 PM

MW

“ Wayne and I want the children of Bertha (Bert, as we called her when we were neighbors across the street) to know that we can't attend the viewing and service tomorrow for Bert. We want them to know how sorry we are that she has passed, and also to know how HIGHLY we thought of her and all of her children whom we knew.

We will make a donation to the Corvallis Boys and Girls Club in her name.

We send our love to all the family-, Mary and Wayne

Mary & Wayne - December 29, 2020 at 01:05 PM

KL

“ To Mike and all of the family - I never met your Mom, but she has left the world a wonderful gift in all of you. Your family is FIERCE and her legacy truly lives on. I pray that all of you find peace in the love and guidance that she gave throughout her life. Our deepest condolences to all of you.

Best -

Karen, Alan and Mariah

Karen Lee - December 28, 2020 at 06:32 PM

GM

Mike,
George and I (Barbara Mitchell) send our sincere condolences to you and your family. We are praying the Lord comforts you doing this sad time.

George and Barbara Mitchell - December 30, 2020 at 03:47 PM

LA

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Larry - December 28, 2020 at 03:50 PM

TW

“ To Mike and all the kids, on behalf of Wireless Telecom Group's Executive team, our deepest sympathies.

"All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother" - Abraham Lincoln.

Timothy Whelan - December 28, 2020 at 11:48 AM

DB

“ To all the kids, Your Mom was a light in this world.....delightful, loving, gracious, accepting, and exemplifying her faith every day. What a privilege it was to know her as our kids grew from grade school through high school; she was such a joy to us all. May her kindness continue to spread through you, through us, and all who knew her. What an extraordinary legacy she leaves while going home.

*Hugs,
Donna and Bruce Benner*

Donna Benner - December 27, 2020 at 03:51 PM

HB

“ *Bertha was a wonderful person who was always willing to pray for you*

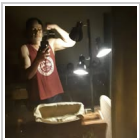
Howard Barrar - December 25, 2020 at 12:11 AM



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McHenry Funeral Home - December 23, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Bertha's passing. A wonderful woman with a wonderful family.*



Paul Daghlian - December 18, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JE

Rest In Peace mom. Thank you for leaving an amazing legacy of love, compassion and strength.

John and April Esemuede - December 29, 2020 at 04:01 PM