



Frances Elaine Olson

April 2, 1944 - January 31, 2024

Francie Elaine Olson passed away January 31, 2024 at the Evergreen Hospice House surrounded by her family after courageously battling breast cancer. She was born on April 2, 1944 in Salem, OR to Maurice and Edna Coulson.

Francie excelled in administration while employed at Riverbend Sand and Gravel, Wildish Sand and Gravel and Bates Jolma Millis Insurance. She had a successful gift basket business, Gifts By Design, that she ran with her daughter Vanessa. She enjoyed staying active while doing Jazzercise and then was a member of the Timberhill Athletic club. She created many close friendships through these activities. Her greatest accomplishment was being Gigi. She loved and cherished her relationship with her grandchildren.

Francie loved to travel. She was able to accomplish her number one destination by traveling to Italy with her friend Cynthia. She shared many memories with her family enjoying musicals, taking shopping trips in Portland, visiting grandchildren, among many more. She was always positive and could find humor in any situation.

Francie is preceded in death by husband Stan Olson; parents Maurice and Edna Coulson and brother Duane Coulson.

Francie is survived by daughter Vanessa Winn, Mark Olson, Signe Olson and Dan Reising; grandchildren Terrill and April Winn, Sarina and Kasey Harmon, Nicole and Derek Greinier, Grace Hills, Silas Hills, Emma Burgess-Olson, Olive Olson and Anna Olson; along with 7 great grandchildren and one on the way.

In lieu of flowers, Francie's family encourages you to donate to your local humane society or Evergreen Hospice in her honor.

Service will be held March 2, 2024 at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home in Corvallis at 1:30pm. Immediately after the service, please join the family at El Sol de Mexico for refreshments. The address is 1597 NW 9th St, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 2. 1:30 PM (PT)

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home
815 NW Buchanan Dr
Corvallis, OR 97330

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Tribute Wall

“ On January 31, 2024, cousin Francie passed away with her daughter and family at her side. Her family continues to be in my thoughts. She will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Francie was an incredible, caring, lovely person. As her parents aged, she became an engaged caregiver, helping them over several years. She also became an attentive caregiver for her husband Stan as his health declined. When she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she dealt with all that entails with fortitude and committed self-care. Every challenge was met with thoughtful deliberation, learning as much as possible then just getting on with what needed to be done. She was inspirational in how she lived and how she cared for others. I learned a lot from seeing how she managed challenges she faced.

Her father, Maurice, was my mother's older brother. They and their younger brother stayed close throughout their lives. Thus, there were family gatherings and their children (all the cousins) also stayed pretty close. It was after I retired in 2000 that I had more opportunities to get together with Francie. I'll treasure the memories of those fun times.

After Francie began treatments for the cancer, we got together for lunches. She loved the Chowder Bowl at Nye Beach near Newport so we made a few trips to the coast. Actually, Francie really enjoyed food in general. She was a small person, I was often amazed at how much she'd just chow down. She also loved to cook. I heard many stories about different dishes she enjoyed making. She had a great sense of humor, and we always laughed a lot. Any time with Francie was fun and full of laughter. I'll really miss chatting with her, attempting to solve problems in the world, visiting different places for lunch and will miss all the laughter.

More than anything else, Francie loved her family. Time spent with her daughter, stepchildren, grandchildren then great grandchildren

brought her great happiness. She also enjoyed time spent with nieces, nephews, cousins from both sides of her family, her many friends, just everyone in her life was thoroughly enjoyed. She delighted in living a full, joyous life. I will really miss her.

Mary King - February 21, 2024 at 02:26 PM