



Glenna Kay Carter

February 25, 1926 - April 2, 2018

Glenna was born in Salem, Oregon, to Raymond Harris Bassett and HESSIE HOPE (PURDY) BASSETT on February 25, 1926, and died in Adair Village, Oregon, on April 2, 2018, aged 92.

Both of her parents were lawyers (her mother graduated from Willamette Law School in 1921). After her parents' divorce when she was a young girl, she lived in Portland, Salem, Albany and Hillsboro as she moved with her mother and older brother Ramon and younger sister Sheila (Pranger).

Her parents and siblings all predeceased her. Husband Donald predeceased her in 1991. Her grandson Francisco Semadeni predeceased her.

She graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1944, and attended Oregon State College and Pacific College before graduating with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Portland in 1951. She took her nurses' training at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

While attending Oregon State, she met her husband, Donald Edward Carter, and they married on December 23, 1950. They had three children, Debra Kay (Enrique Semadeni) of Corvallis, Don Gray Carter (Faith) of West Linn and Jay Drew Carter (Sandra) of Springfield. At the time of her death, she had seven grandchildren, Jenny Semadeni Malcom, Noemi Semadeni, John

Semadeni, Casey (Carter) Taylor, Drew Carter, Claire (Carter) Schimpf and Samuel Carter; and eight great-grandchildren.

Glenna became one of Oregon's first nurse practitioners, obtaining her certification in Women's Health Care in Newark, New Jersey, and worked for many years at the OSU Health Service before retiring in 1982.

She and her husband Don enjoyed traveling in their motor home and visiting their daughter and family in Switzerland and close family friends Goran and Maja Jovanovic in Yugoslavia. After her husband's death, Glenna continued to travel, including mission trips with her church to Guatemala and a visit to Corvallis' sister city in the Ukraine.

Glenna remained active in the community into her 80s, volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and SMART, and serving as an usher at the LaSells Stewart Center.

For many years, she walked early in the morning with a number of women friends who called themselves the Dawn Patrol and who have continued to support her in her later years.

The family wishes to thank the staffs at Stoneybrook Assisted Living, Willamette Springs and Harmony Senior Living and Lumina Hospice for the excellent care Glenna received.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the OSU Foundation and to Habitat for Humanity.

There will be a service for family and friends at a later date

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was the principal of Jefferson Elementary School when I was a student there, and I met Glenna at the OSU Student Health Center. She was a very intelligent and interesting person, and an excellent nurse. She will be missed by many.

Nadja Adolf - September 19, 2018 at 04:59 PM

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“ Glenna and Don were nearby neighbors of my family for many years. Don was my 7th grade teacher at Harding School, and I later worked with son Jay at Hoover School. Glenna was a lovely lady, always pleasant and cheerful,, even in her later years when life was more difficult. Both of us had red hair, so I remember her for that as well as her nice disposition. Hold close your memories of her.
ShirleyWirth

Shirley Wirth - April 12, 2018 at 08:31 PM

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“ My family and I were next door neighbors of Glenna's for about 10 years. I remember well the day we moved in with our two little boys. Glenna welcomed us to the neighborhood with open arms and told us how nice it was to hear the sounds of children again next door. I'm sure the ruckus coming from a yard full of boys wasn't always melodious, but Glenna was a great sport about it. I always enjoyed talking with her as we did yard work side by side. She had a such a caring heart for people on the margins and volunteered in a variety of ways to help others. She was a very classy lady!

Lisa Ebersp;e - April 09, 2018 at 01:00 PM

JM

“ I worked with Glenna at Student Health Services for many years and appreciated her professionalism with the student population and our staff. She was kind and patient and a caring educator.

My condolences to her family at this sad time.

Judy Jacob McCann

Judy Jacob McCann - April 05, 2018 at 12:36 PM

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“ Dear family members of Glenna.

My thoughts are with you.

Glenna is now in a better place.

Having worked with her at the Student Health center, she was a person of strength and faith, She made the Women's Clinic an example and forward thinking place on the west coast.

She was one of the first Nurse Practitioners in Oregon being respected by the medical profession and specially in Corvallis among the Ob Gyn doctors.

Glenna opened doors for many nurses.

Glenna rest in peace and thanks for all you did for your profession.

Els - April 04, 2018 at 12:30 PM