



## Gwen F Stevenson

November 16, 1940 - July 10, 2020

Gwendolyn Frances (Walls) Stevenson departed from this world on the evening of July 10, 2020 in Corvallis, Oregon.

Gwen was born to Douglas and Marie Walls on November 16, 1940 in Millinocket, Maine, where she was raised and attended high school. Gwen attended Boston University for a year and graduated from the University of Maine in 1963. Following graduation, she moved to Juneau, Alaska where she met and married her husband, Tom Stevenson. They subsequently moved to New York City where Tom attended seminary to study for the priesthood in the Episcopal Church and Gwen taught high school in Manhasset, New York. Before leaving New York, their elder daughter, Laura, was born. This was followed to a move to Alaska, where Tom was ordained as a priest and Gwen taught school in Sitka. After two years in Sitka, the family moved to Huslia, a small village in the Alaska interior. While there, Gwen taught elementary school and her younger daughter, Andrea was born.

In 1973, Gwen and her family moved to Ontario, Oregon. While there, Gwen taught senior English, drama, and journalism at the nearby Fruitland, Idaho School District. Gwen also coordinated trips to Europe and to the Shakespearean Festival in Southern Oregon for her students. In 1981, she won the Teacher of the Year Award for the State of Idaho. In 2002, she was granted Educator of the Year Award from the Fruitland, Idaho Chamber of Commerce. Gwen retired as a teacher with the Fruitland School District in 2003.

After retirement, Gwen and her husband, Tom, moved to Alsea, Oregon in 2005. Gwen became an active member of the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church where she was also a member of the Daughters of the King.

Gwen is survived by her husband, Tom Stevenson; her two daughters, Laura Compton and Andrea Baker; three grandchildren: Anthony Compton, David Compton, and Elizabeth Baker; great-granddaughter, Aria Compton; brothers Richard and Robert Walls, and sister Donna Carlstrom.

McHenry Funeral Home is handling arrangements. A public viewing is planned for Wednesday, July 22 from 2:00-4:00 PM. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at Alsea Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Alea Cemetery

18697 Alea Highway  
Alea, OR 97324

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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

## Graveside Service

JUL 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Alea Cemetery  
18697 Alea Highway  
Alea, OR 97324

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Stevenson during my years at Fruitland High School (1989-1993). In the classroom, she was no nonsense. It was outside the classroom during our class trips; where I really got to know that fun spirit. She was easy to talk to and gave me some very good advise during those years....and who can forget the picture she had in her classroom of a certain news personality. She was certainly a treasure to the human race. RIP, Mrs. Stevenson...on Angel's wings.

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**Kathleen O'Brien Land class of '93** - July 26, 2020 at 04:34 PM

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“ Gwen was a precious little lady – a loving mother – a treasured friend – strong in her Christian faith – and a compliment to her husband, Father Tom. He was the first chaplain of our “Good Samaritans” – a worldwide Order in the Episcopal Church, and he instituted our chapter here in Good Samaritan Church in 2016. I the fall of 2017, Gwen and Fr. Tom invited my husband, Tim, and me, to attend the ordination of their son-in-law, Bill Baker, and his friend Chris Smith, to become priests in the Anglican Church. The service was in a small but beautiful little church named St. Andrews in Jacksonville, OR. And, was performed by the Presiding Anglican Bishop of America from Florida. I will never forget how delighted Gwen was to find out that the wife, like Gwen herself, was a member of the “Daughters of the King!” Gwen just beamed. Her sweet smile and enthusiasm were typical traits for our Sister Gwendolyn. We will miss her.  
Janet Lee Cornwall

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**Janet** - July 22, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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“ *Desiree Senechal lit a candle in memory of Gwen F Stevenson*



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**Desiree Senechal** - July 17, 2020 at 11:46 PM

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“ *I will miss her smile, the twinkle in her eyes, and her kind words. Gwen was a positive person and a great role model. We had lively conversations over dinner in which we discovered shared values. I will never forget her and her fighting spirit. I am so glad to have known you, Gwen. You have been a gift to me. With Love, Desiree*

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**Desiree Senechal** - July 17, 2020 at 11:45 PM