



Helen Joanne Smith

October 28, 1934 - September 23, 2025

Helen “Buzzie” Joanne Smith, 90, of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on October 28, 1934, in Bend, Oregon, Helen was the beloved daughter of Victor and Agnes Plath. She married Lewis John Smith on June 14, 1980, and together their marriage was true partnership filled with laughter, devotion, and joy. Together, they shared many adventures and travels until his passing in 2022.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Helen touched the lives of every person she met. She was a firecracker, sharp and full of wit, yet also deeply thoughtful and kind. She tended to people with the same love and care she gave to her garden, always nurturing those around her. Her gift of making people feel at home, alongside her generosity and compassion, will carry on through her family and all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Phil, Kelly, Korey, Dan, and Karen; her grandchildren Maria, T.C., Quinn, and Katie; and many extended family members and dear friends who will carry her memory forward. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis; her daughter, Diane; her granddaughter Hailey; and her siblings Rosemary, Bill, Elizabeth, and Marion.

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“ *I first met Buzzie & Lew through the Corvallis Fire Department where our husbands worked together for many years.*

Any occasion was an excuse to get together with other fire service families and enjoy each other's company, which we did on a regular basis.

Buzzie's friendship is one I'll always treasure and I'm thankful to have known her and her family and I will miss her forever.

From one firefighter's wife to another, my sincere condolences to you all at this sad time.

*Judy Jacob McCann
Sisters, OR*

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