



## Joyce Irene Finster

January 8, 1951 - February 11, 2024

Joyce Irene Finster passes away on February 11, 2024. She was born to John C. and June M. (nee Brown) Higginbotham in Spokane, WA on January 8, 1951. She joined a brother Alan and was the older sister of Lynn and Denise.

Joyce was raised on the family wheat farm north of Hartline, WA. She attended school at Hartline and graduated in 1969. Joyce was very active in 4-H and was selected as an exchange student and spent a summer in Spain. She was also a very competitive basketball player and a straight A student. Joyce continued her education at Washington State University and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She then went on to complete her Master's Degree at the University of North Carolina.

She went to work overseas for the United States government for 20 years until her retirement. It was during this time she met the love of her life, Richard "Curly" Finster, and they were married in April of 1989.

After retirement, Joyce and Curly settled in Alsea, OR where they enjoyed LOTS of fishing, rock hunting, wood working and yearly trips to Yellowstone. Joyce was an avid photographer and always had her camera ready for that perfect candid shot.

Joyce loved her family and was always available for an uplifting conversation and a good hug.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband Curly, brother Alan (Pamela) Higginbotham, sister Denise (Bob) Hale, nephews Adrian (Amanda) Higginbotham, Matthew Warrick, nieces Emily (Ryan) Hunt, Jackie (Austin) Zurfluh, 4 great nephews and nieces, and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister and brother-in-law Lynn and Tom Warrick.

A funeral service is scheduled for Friday, February 16 at 11:00 am at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, OR. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Hartline Cemetery of WA or a charity of your choice. Memories and condolences can be left on Joyce's tribute page on the McHenry Funeral Home website.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ I remember going to Bludan Syria (restaurants) during our time at Damascus in 1985. Rest in peace Joyce.



Joseph Carter - May 15, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JG

“ It is with great sadness that we learned of Joyce's passing just recently. Our fond memories of working with Joyce during her Federal Government career were the best ever. We remember many nights playing various games and we still remember the night she used a Sesame Street song to win a game of Charades. Rest in peace Joyce. God Bless.

Jim and Madeline Gordon - May 13, 2024 at 03:37 PM

JM

“ So very sorry to hear the news today from Phoenix. Wonderful friend and we have fond memories of working with her in Germany. Jeanne & Roger Markowski

Jeanne Markowski - May 13, 2024 at 01:47 PM

MK

“ So sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. I so appreciate her artistic photographs that highlighted the wonders of our natural world. She had an eye for beauty. She was a fine hostess during our occasional visits. She will be missed.

Mary Jo Kerlin - February 18, 2024 at 05:12 PM



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**Laura Lenci** - February 16, 2024 at 01:15 PM