



Julie A. Reed

September 8, 1941 - May 1, 2018

Julie Reed died at age 76 on Tuesday May 1 at Willamette Springs Memory Care. She was born in Albany, Oregon to Alton and Gloria Jacobson Benedict. After her mother remarried, her stepfather, William Jirel, adopted her.

She graduated from Corvallis High School in 1959. She was told in the 1970s that she still held the junior high record for the 50-yard dash in Corvallis. Further research suggests that might still be true. She graduated from Oregon State University in 1963 in Home Economics. She earned a master's degree there in 1974. She and her parents began attending First Presbyterian Church in the late 1940s. She greatly enjoyed singing in the Chancel Choir.

She married Marcellus "Andy" Paul in 1969. She remarried in 1973 to Steve Reed.

She worked in the clothing department at Emporium Capwell in San Francisco after college. She returned to Corvallis to teach home economics at the Childrens Farm Home, then Cheldelin, then Highland View and Western View junior high schools until 1982. She also taught English as a second language, both at Highland View and later at the Benton Center for Linn-Benton Community College.

She began ballet at an early age, followed by international folk dancing while

in junior high. Folk dancing continued to be a major activity for her until her legs and memory became too much to overcome. That included several solo trips to the Balkans through other “iron curtain” countries. Her master’s thesis was about folk costumes from a region near Skopje, Macedonia. Her collection of Macedonian costumes was her prized possession.

Alzheimer’s disease began to affect her in the 1980’s. It ultimately led to her death on May Day. She received care from West Hills, Regent Court, and Corvallis Manor prior to Willamette Springs. Her parents preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband Steve, and by her cousins on both the Jacobson and Benedict sides of the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church
114 SW 8th St
Corvallis, OR 97333

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I met Julie a number of years ago on a number of occasions in Corvallis and Seattle. I very much enjoyed talking to her about our mutual love of Balkan folk costumes. May she rest in peace.

John Morovich - May 16, 2018 at 11:24 AM

SR

“ Julie was my aunt; she took a special interest in me very early in her marriage to my Uncle Steve. She went out of her way to show me around OSU when I graduated from high school. She introduced me to her sorority and made sure I spoke with people in the departments where I would have liked to study. She was a great cook and gracious hostess. I loved her sense of adventure and, while I know she is now free from an unforgiving disease, I hope she knows how grateful I am for the unearned love she showed to me. Rest in peace, dear Aunt,

Shelley Reed

Shelley Reed - May 15, 2018 at 12:21 PM

PD

“ I too danced in one of Julie's performance groups - attending the folklife Festival in Seattle and elsewhere. She had a prodigious memory for dances and we were allowed to wear some of her amazing authentic costumes for performing. She was very interested in cultural differences and how we could all get along - and dance was a perfect way to break down barriers. In later years I saw her at my mothers assisted living facility, and said hello when I could. I shared photos of the dancing with other residents and caregivers, so they would know the real Julie.

Peggy Dearing - May 09, 2018 at 09:09 PM

DJ

“ I first met Julie at OSU during summer dancing at the MU and went on to perform with her folk dancing group for many years in high school and later. We spent many great times together practicing for performances and I continued to dance and perform with other groups. Looking back now, I have been dancing over 50 years and Julie and Steve are in many of my memories. She will be missed but not forgotten - we did some dances at the dance reunion on April 29th, just like we used to do them with Julie. Peace and strength to the family in this difficult time - Debbie (Hanus) Jackson

Debbie Jackson - May 03, 2018 at 11:16 PM