



## Lola Rae Skirvin

August 24, 1939 - August 19, 2018

Lola Skirvin, of Philomath passed away on August 19, 2018 of Pancreatic Cancer at her home.

Lola was born on August 24, 1939 in Moscow, Idaho to Yewell and Grace (Lingg) Plumley. She moved to Corvallis with her parents in 1953 where she graduated from high school and attended Linn-Benton Community College and Oregon State University.

Lola and her first husband, which they later divorced, had two sons, Tim was born in 1957 and Steven in 1960. On March 3, 1973, Lola was joined in marriage to Paul Skirvin in Corvallis.

She worked for the OSU Book Store, Oregon State University, and owned a candy and gift store in the Old Cannery in the late 70's and early 80's.

Lola received her SEL pilots license in 1976 and flew for 20+ years as far north as Alaska, east to New York and Quebec Canada, south to New Orleans, and many other destinations. The Skirvin's had a small air strip in their back field, the local pilots called it Philomath International. She participated in two Petticoat Derbies and she and her co-pilot placed first in one.

Horses were her passion and Lola and her favorite mare, 'Boomer,' went to many of the local schooling shows. She is a past member of the Pinto Horse Association and American Paint Association. In May of 2018, Lola and her husband Paul donated 19+ acres to the City of Philomath for a city park, dedicated to continuing the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo in which Paul and his brothers, Carl and Walt, helped start over 30 years ago.

Lola is survived by her beloved husband Paul of 43 years; 2 children, Tim and Steve Lorain both of Philomath; five grandchildren, Adam, Zachary, Matt, Mike, and Rebecca Lorain; great-grandchildren; two brothers, Leo Plumley of Portland and Lonnie (Robyn) Plumley of Philomath; her Aunt Rhoda (Ken) Bacon of Lewiston, Idaho; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and her special friend of more than 50 years Nione Bethel.

Viewing will be at McHenry Funeral Home from 8am-12pm on Wednesday, August 29th and from 8am-11am Thursday, August 30th. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3pm on Thursday, August 30th at Marquam United Methodist Church in Marquam, O

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR 97330  
(541) 757-8141

## Visitation

AUG **30**. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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## Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 3:00 PM.

Marquam United Methodist Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart and thoughts reach out to the family and friends of Lola in their time of Sorrow. I had the privilege of getting to play cards with Lola for several years and I'm thankful for that.*

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**Jani Burton** - August 25, 2018 at 10:01 AM