



## Lorraine E. Smith

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Lorraine Eleanor Wills was born on May 19, 1927 in Portland Oregon. Her parents are

Neenah E. (Holcomb) Wills and William T. Wills. Lorraine loved her sister, Dawn, and brother, Jack, very much and over the years faithfully stayed in touch with both of them.

Lorraine graduated from Lincoln High School in 1945 and attended Northwest Christian College from 1945 to 1948. Lorraine married Charles M. Smith in 1948, and they had two children, Leonard, and Lisa. Lorraine and Chuck moved from Portland and settled in Eugene, Oregon where Chuck worked as an insurance salesman and Lorraine worked for the Oregon Employment Department. In 1976, Lorraine and Chuck moved to Corvallis. After Chuck's death, in 1984, Lorraine fell in love again and married Keith Bates in 2000. Lorraine and Keith enjoyed 14 years together serving at Suburban Christian Church until Keith's death in 2014.

Lorraine enjoyed music and was the church organist for many years at University Street Church of Christ, in Eugene, Oregon and then at Suburban Christian Church in Corvallis, Oregon. She was also involved in the children's

ministries at both churches. She loved to sew, can fruits and vegetables from her yearly garden and bake. For more than forty years Lorraine hosted an annual Christmas Cookie Swap in her home. In both Eugene and Corvallis Lorraine's friends looked forward to this annual Christmas season event.

Lorraine loved her family, being a wife and mom, mother-in-law, then a grandmother to her two grandsons and a great grandmother to her six great grandchildren. Lorraine's faith and confidence in Jesus Christ her Lord and savior never wavered. She quietly touched a lot of lives throughout her 90 years and will be greatly missed by both family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 27th at Suburban Christian Church in Corvallis. Please leave condolences for the family at [www.mchenryfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchenryfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **27**. 3:00 PM (PT)

Suburban Christian Church  
2760 SW 53rd St.  
Corvallis, OR 97333

# Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lorraine E. Smith* ”



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - August 25, 2017 at 12:15 PM