



Loyce Evelyn LeMay

May 18, 1935 - September 18, 2015

Loyce Evelyn LeMay, 80, of Corvallis died Sept. 18 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was preceded in death by her husband, Morris; father Harold Cheatham; mother Helen Cheatham; and brother Larry Cheatham. Loyce is survived by her sister, Janice and husband Larry Foulke; sister-in-law Irl Cheatham; sons Mason, Todd (Audrey) and Malcolm (former spouse Monette); and three grandchildren, Iyla, Lindsey and Christopher.

Loyce was born in Ashland, Kansas, and grew up in Beloit, Kansas. She attended Kansas State University and graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education with plans to be a teacher.

Her family moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, while she was at college. When she finished school at KSU she returned to Colorado to find a teaching position. She found a position in Salida, Colorado, teaching junior and senior high school homemaking classes. As a new teacher she was introduced to a tall, handsome teacher from West Texas, Morris LeMay. Morris and Loyce were married a year later on July 6, 1958.

The young couple moved to Colorado Springs and then to Boulder, Colorado, where Morris completed his master's degree at Colorado University and where they started their family. Malcolm was born in Boulder in 1961. They moved back to Colorado Springs where Todd was born in 1963 and Mason in 1964. Soon after Mason was born, Morris and Loyce packed their Volkswagen bus and moved to Corvallis, where Morris had been hired for the counseling position at Oregon State University. Loyce always appreciated the warm

welcome she received from the OSU Newcomers and OSU Folk Club as they settled into the Corvallis community to raise their family.

Loyce enjoyed teaching Stretch and Sew classes and Sew with Knits classes through Linn-Benton Community College. She enjoyed meeting the ladies taking the classes and “show and tell” of all the projects they completed.

Loyce also taught a “Personal Development for Women” class at LBCC which prepared women for job interviews.

As a mom with three boys, Loyce was active as a Harding School parent and with Cub Scouts. She served as Den Mother which she described as exhausting and sometimes rewarding.

Loyce started working at the OSU Bookstore in fall 1975 and eventually became a full-time assistant in the personnel office. She retired in January 1995 after 19 fulfilling years at the OSU Bookstore.

In 1977 Loyce was honored with an invitation to join the PEO Chapter CL and treasured the life-long friendships she made there.

The LeMay family joined the Episcopal Church their second year in Corvallis. Loyce served on the Altar Guild for over 15 years and served on the Good Samaritan Foundation for over six years. Her faith was very important to her and helped soften some of life’s bumps. Loyce also enjoyed volunteering at the OSU Thrift Shop and was active in the Mary’s River Quilt Guild and Corvallis Evening Garden Club.

Loyce enjoyed traveling. After Morris retired from OSU in 1994, they completed their long-planned retirement trip “The Best of Britain in 15 days.” Even though Morris’ health wasn’t the best due to cancer treatment, they greatly enjoyed the trip and were able to meet Todd’s future in-laws in Glasgow, Scotland. After Morris died in May 1995, Loyce traveled back to Scotland to attend Todd and Audrey’s wedding in December 1995. Loyce later visited Todd and Audrey in Sydney, Australia. Loyce enjoyed visiting her grandchildren wherever they lived. She visited Iyla in Sydney and Christopher and Lindsey in Cherry Point, North Carolina, Monterey, California, and Stafford, Virginia.

Besides her family, Loyce loved quilting, collecting fabric, volunteering her time to help others, shopping for her favorite collectible items at garage sales, gardening and spending time with her dear friends.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 N.W. 35th St., Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers to honor Loyce, contributions may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association or the Church of the Good Samaritan capital campaign.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 2. 1:00 PM (PT)

Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

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“ I always enjoyed visiting with Morris and Loyce; however, after Morris passed away, I was never able to contact Loyce again. I am sorry for your loss. My parents were Charles and Lucile Foster of Abilene TX and Morris was my mom's cousin. My parents made trips to Oregon to visit and Morris & Loyce visited them in Texas. My kids and I spent a few days with them in Corvallis on a family trip. I would really enjoy hearing from our LeMay cousins if any would like to contact family back in Texas. Doug Foster at drdougfooster@aol.com .

Doug Foster - February 24, 2016 at 10:43 AM

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“ I wanted to pass along my fond memories of growing up and knowing Loyce LeMay. She was a very kind and welcoming person and mom. Of the many times I was over at the LeMay house, meeting up with Malcolm and going to school or whatever else we were going to do, she was always there to say hello and see how I and my family were doing. Later, in my adult years, whenever I'd see her there was always a warm smile and a time for conversation and catching up.

Only recently did I find out that Loyce spent her last days at AmiCare. This is where my dad stayed when he was in advanced stage of Alzheimers before passing away in August of 2013.

She will always have a fond place in my heart! All my best to Todd, Mason, and Malcolm. Malcom - sorry to hear that you and Monette are no longer together - I'm assuming divorce. If you want to chat, our number is: 503-399-7183.

Nick, Lori, Mark and Thea

Nick Yonker - October 10, 2015 at 11:00 PM

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“ My deepest sorrow to Loyce's family and friends. She was such a lovely woman. I came to Corvallis in 1991. Had worked many years in accounting and electronics but then spent 5 years caring for grandchildren. So when I got here, my income was only \$400/mo from a retirement and I had 5 years to go to qualify for Social Security and had to apply for a job. I was extremely nervous and dripping with nervous sweat but Loyce was so warm and made me feel so comfortable. After she retired, she came into the fabric store I was working at and remembered me. I so enjoyed discussing our various sewing projects with her. Her warmth and open arms are something I will always cherish. My love and prayers are extended to her and her loved ones. I know she is continuing her open heart in Heaven.

Kay Farm - September 24, 2015 at 03:13 PM