



Lydia Jane Pinkston

December 18, 1927 - April 10, 2018

Lydia J. Pinkston, age 90 of Corvallis died on April 10 at her home with family at her side after a short battle with cancer.

Lydia Jane was born December 18, 1927 in Nashwauk, Minnesota to Lydia J. (Carlson) and John J. Miller. She grew up in Nashwauk and graduated from Nashwauk High School in 1945. Lydia attended Hibbing Junior College, Itasca Junior College and St. Cloud State Teacher's College, graduating in 1949 with a degree in education. She taught in Grand Rapids, Minnesota before moving to Oregon where she taught in Cottage Grove and there met the love of her life, Louis Pinkston, at a teachers' picnic.

Lydia and Louis were married on Dec. 27, 1952 in Portland, living in Cottage Grove before moving to Corvallis in 1956. She worked as a reading lab assistant at Franklin Elementary School and as the librarian at Garfield Elementary School.

Lydia enjoyed travelling with Louie touring the United States in an RV, playing cards, Bob Dylan and Beatles music, attending spring training baseball games in Arizona, visiting family in Minnesota and gathering with her beloved bridge group.

She is survived by her children, Jane (Mark) Fischer of Lilliwaup, Washington,

David (Chely) of Klamath Falls, John (Jayne) of Chandler Arizona; grandchildren, Andrea, Pamela, Kalena, Greg, John Paul and Natalie Pinkston, Sydney (Andrew) Clayton of Spanaway, Washington; three great-grandchildren, Alexis, Brianna and Elena Clayton; sister, Carolyn Hakim of Palm Springs, California; and many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Louis on December 17, 1998; son, Paul Marvin Pinkston on February 14, 1981; brothers, John and William, sister, Margaret Ringsred and daughter-in-law, Karen Pinkston.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Lydia's life will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis with a reception following. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Corvallis.

Lydia asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation, PO Box 509J, 97339 or the charity of your choosing.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
501 NW 25th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember calling Lydia to let know of my mother’s passing. I thought I would share a photo of Lydia and my parents when Lydia was the Maid of Honor at my parents wedding just after Lydia and my parents graduated college at St. Cloud State.



Eric Sandholm - May 09, 2018 at 09:16 PM



thanks so much for sharing Eric! do you mind if I use this in her funeral slideshow?

Andrea Pinkston - May 30, 2018 at 02:32 PM

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Rick Kipper - April 17, 2018 at 04:33 PM



thank you so much for sharing these fun photos!!

Andrea Pinkston - April 20, 2018 at 10:33 AM

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Rick Kipper - April 17, 2018 at 04:32 PM



Andrea Pinkston

LOVE this one! you all look so happy, such good memories of my grandparents and their friends!

Andrea Pinkston - April 20, 2018 at 10:33 AM

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Rick Kipper - April 17, 2018 at 01:46 PM

RB

“ As a friend of her children and growing up around the Pinkston family I have great memories of Mrs. Pinkston's kind loving way as a young boy whenever I visited her home. I still remember in the kitchen the pencil height marks of all the kids. I'm very thankful for a recent visit to her home. We shared some wonderful memories from years past. God Bless the family. Rick Bennett

Rick Bennett - April 15, 2018 at 11:36 AM



Andrea
Pinkston

That ruler is still on the wall in the kitchen :) Thank you for sharing your memories! - Granddaughter #1 - Andrea

Andrea Pinkston - April 17, 2018 at 05:05 PM



JC

Lydia and her late husband Louie where long time friends of my family in Corvallis. Lydis and my Mother were part of the Faculty Wives Club that supported the Teachers in the Corvallis School system. She was a long time friend of our family.

Joe Carter - April 18, 2018 at 02:06 PM



Andrea
Pinkston

i love hearing stuff I didn't know about my grandmother, thank you for sharing Joe!!

Andrea Pinkston - April 20, 2018 at 10:33 AM

EK

“ I was startled to see Lydia's death notice in the paper today. We were neighbors of the Pinkstons in South Corvallis. Our husbands were teachers in 509J and both Lydia and I worked in the school district as well. I last saw her at my husband, J Leslie Kilbourne's memorial last May. I drove past her house this week and thought I would like to arrange a visit.

Elva Kilbourne

Elva Kilbourne - April 12, 2018 at 10:18 PM



Andrea
Pinkston

I'm sorry you weren't able to see her before she passed, thank you for sharing your memories!

Andrea Pinkston - April 13, 2018 at 05:48 PM

MB

“ We were sad to see today's announcement. Our sympathy to the family. There are so many memories I don't know where to start. Lydia, Phyllis, Suzie and I played bridge once a week for over 25 years. What a fun time we had!! We played for money and when we had enough, we went to the coast for the weekend and--played more bridge! Mike and I spent many good times with Lydia and Louis. lots of card games, movies, etc.



Mike & Karen Bland - April 12, 2018 at 08:29 PM



Andrea Pinkston

thank you for sharing the memories!! Grandma sure did love cards :) that was our go to entertainment every time we'd visit her house!

Andrea Pinkston - April 13, 2018 at 06:12 PM

CR

“ I'm so sorry to see that Lydia died. I always loved talking with her and doing her hair. She was always a great support and kind to me.
Cora Rowley

Cora Rowley - April 12, 2018 at 02:20 PM



Andrea Pinkston

thank you for the kind words Cora <3

Andrea Pinkston - April 13, 2018 at 06:12 PM

JB

My mom and dad and entire family were/are very close friends of Lydia, Louie and the Pinkston family. Very sad to hear of her passing. I love the pictures that are posted - to see my mom and dad in all of them looking so happy in the good 'ol days, hanging out with their best friends. Great shots. Thank you for posting. Thoughts are with the whole family.

John Bates - April 20, 2018 at 11:25 AM

RK

The 509J Teachers group had so many good times together over many years. I'm happy to see Carter and Kilbourne being two more names we children of teachers associate with this band of best buddies.

Rick Kipper - April 25, 2018 at 12:17 PM

KM

My entire family so dearly loved Lydia, Louie and the entire Pinkston clan. So many fond memories of music, sports and practical jokes. Lydia always welcomed my sister Britta and I to stay with her whenever we were in Corvallis for a reunion. I feel so blessed to have known Lydia (and was also so lucky to have "Mr. Pinkston" as my fourth grade teacher.) Lydia will be missed by all. Thank you for sharing this page with all of us.

Krista (Anderson) Mallory - April 30, 2018 at 04:28 PM