



Lyle and Helen Ellis

June 11, 1932 - July 31, 2023

The Family of Helen May (Sawin) Ellis 10/16/1936 – 12/24/2025, and Lyle Mark Ellis 6/11/1932 – 7/31/2023, regretfully announce their passing. Both were long term Corvallis residents active in their community. They were married for 67 years after meeting on the school bus Lyle drove while attending Oregon State University.

Lyle was born in Tucson, Arizona, to Cecil and Mayme Ellis. The Family moved to Eugene, Oregon, in 1945, and Lyle moved to Corvallis in 1950 to attend Oregon State University.

Helen was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, to Bruce Sawin and Helen (Whitney) Sawin. She moved with her family to Corvallis in 1950 and graduated from Corvallis High School.

They Married in 1956 and had two sons, Greg and Glen. After completing an engineering degree Lyle opened and operated Oregon Screen Crafts for 35 years. Helen was a professional seamstress who later got her bachelors degree from Linfield College. She was also the head administrator for Samaritan Village for many years. Helen was very active in the community as a Corvallis City Council Woman and as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Aging. She was well known for her work In 4-H, Boy Scouts, PEO, Corvallis Garden Club, and the Benton County Fair.

Helen and Lyle were predeceased by their Parents, their son Greg, Lyle's brother Earl, and Helen's Brother, Peter Sawin. Survivors include son Glen Ellis, Grandson Kenny Ellis, sisters Marianne Sawin Straumfjord, and Sally Sawin Jacob. Survivors also include loved ones Margurat Risley, Ayako Gray, and dear friend Vera.

There will be a private internment in Oak Lawn Cemetary at a later date. Please remember Lyle and Helen by donating your time and caring to your community in their honor.