



Marilyn Joyce Nordyke

October 5, 1929 - January 20, 2018

Marilyn Joyce Nordyke, 88, died Saturday, January 20, in Corvallis.

Marilyn was born October 5, 1929, to Clarence A. and Ruth Weston Pugsley, in Fresno, California. The family moved to Philomath in 1934, then later to Corvallis. After graduating from Corvallis High School in 1948, Marilyn attended Oregon State College, and then began her career as a secretary at OSC. She retired in 1979 as an administrative assistant in the OSU School of Agriculture.

On April 16, 1950, Marilyn married Ramon Nordyke at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis. Fifty years later they renewed their vows in the same church. They took their first trip to Hawaii to celebrate their 25th anniversary and were hooked. They went to Hawaii nearly every year after that, usually for their anniversary, and often with family members joining them. They also traveled to New Zealand, Tahiti, the Bahamas, and across the United States.

Marilyn enjoyed and created humor. She loved to cross-stitch, watch OSU sports, and travel. But mostly she loved her family and pets. She and Ray always had room for someone who needed a place to call home, whether for a few days, or for a year or more. Many friends and relatives were hosted by them over the years, and thought of Ray and Marilyn as their “other parents.”

She is survived by her brother, David W. Pugsley, Sr.; her children, Diane (Jeff) Howell of St. Helens, Tina (Ron) Crook of St. Helens, John (Carol) Nordyke of Corvallis, and Kay Miller of Philomath; ten grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren (with one on the way); and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Ramon.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, February 3, 11:00 am at McHenry Funeral Home, with a gathering immediately afterward at the Presbyterian Church Dennis Hall Community Center, 9th and Monroe, Corvallis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evergreen Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Reception

FEB 3. 12:30 PM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church
114 SW 8th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers for Marilyn's family. I remember her as the mother of my childhood friend, Diane. She was always warm and welcoming. Linda Holcomb-Bryant.*

Linda Holcomb-Bryant - February 01, 2018 at 10:53 AM

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“ *I would be remiss if I didn't comment, and this page was left blank. Marilyn, or as I knew her as my 'Nana' was the most wonderful person I ever knew. She was tough, but sweet. She was sarcastic, yet pointed. There are Nordyke's in this world with outstanding senses of humor in part, or in whole because of Marilyn. She had a great sense of humor. A cherished trait that I will always try to pass on.*

She will be missed, and will forever be remembered (By me) for her steadying force. When ever you walked through her door, you felt love. You felt like you belonged. You were important. No matter what was going on, for that sliver of time spent with her; life was okay. It was okay to laugh. To be silly. Above all to know you were loved.

Gone to a better place. Reunited with Grandpa. Never ever forgotten!

~Butch

John Nordyke - January 23, 2018 at 09:26 PM