



## Rachel Irene Reineke

November 17, 1931 - November 5, 2020

Rachel Irene Reineke, 88, of Corvallis, Oregon, died peacefully at home on November 5, 2020 surrounded by love of her family.

She was born Rachel Irene Wall on November 17, 1931 in Clarksville, Tennessee to Russell and Irene Wall. Rachel graduated from Vanderbilt University (George Peabody Colleges) where she was a member of Alpha Beta Chi sorority. She received her Master's Degree in ECE from Pepperdine University located in Malibu, California.

She devoted her adult life to being an educator and champion for children. She was a teacher and a mentor serving in various leadership positions throughout the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District in California as well as schools in Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana. Rachel's vision for excellence in education for all children made her a star among her peers. There are literally thousands of students, staff and communities who benefited from Rachel's dedication and commitment, which made her such an inspirational educator.

While in southern California during her first teaching assignment, she met, fell in love and married Lynn R. Reineke, raising three daughters together. Following a forty year career in Early Childhood Education, she and Lynn retired to the Pacific Northwest residing in Corvallis and becoming avid

Beavers fans. Go Beavers!

Rachel was raised in her Methodist faith and among her fondest memories was her college summers spent Caravanning, touching the lives of various youth groups across the United States. Currently, she was a member of First United Methodist Church in Corvallis where her servant heart led her to be involved in all aspects of her church, serving as President of UMW, a lay reader, and being a delegate to the Annual Conference among others.

Rachel was an avid reader, belonging to several book clubs, as well as a spirited storyteller in her own right. She loved all types of music and theater, playing the piano or singing as well. She thoroughly enjoyed football as well as discussing politics or the latest Bachelorette episode with her family. Her legendary brownies were often gifted to her friends and requested at many a potluck.

Rachel left a legacy of compassion and kindness, grace and encouragement as she touched the lives of all who have been blessed to cross her path. We will all miss this intelligent, creative and vibrant woman, who brought happiness, love and her beautiful smile wherever she went.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” – 2 Timothy 4:7 NIV

Rachel is survived by three daughters: Sharon Heintzen (Bill) of Colorado Springs, CO, Annette Kruse (Steve) of Blodgett, OR and Rhonda Reineke of Temecula, CA; five grandchildren:

Vicki Pickens, John Harrington (fiancé Jill), Kristen Harrington, Elise Kruse, Lindsay Kruse and three great-grandchildren; Alyssa Pickens, Tyler Pickens

and Seth Pickens. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Harold Wall and her husband of 43 years, Lynn.

Please join us Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 10:30 am at McHenry Funeral home 206 NW 5th Street, Corvalls, OR 97330 with Pastor Linda Tucker, FUMC Corvallis, officiating. Rachel will be laid to rest next to her husband, Lynn at Oak Lawn Memorial Park, 2245 SW Whiteside Drive, Corvallis, OR immediately following her celebration of life.

In her memory, simply “pay it forward” or donate to the charity of your choice that serves your community.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR

## Graveside Service

NOV 12. 12:00 PM (PT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery  
2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
(541) 753-4532

# Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel Irene Reineke*



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - November 12, 2020 at 03:25 PM

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“ *Deborah Wall lit a candle in memory of Rachel Irene Reineke*



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**Deborah Wall** - December 11, 2020 at 02:59 AM

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“ *So many memories of us growing up As cousins we were from Tennessee and Kentucky . We had such fun and stayed and played together . I will always cherish those times .*



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**murriel wall freeman-noel** - November 15, 2020 at 07:19 PM



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“ I met Rachel about ten years ago when I joined the Methodist Church's book club. She always had insightful comments and good recommendations for new books to read. We missed her when she dropped out of the club. I did have the opportunity to visit her a couple times after that.  
She always was so joyful and always smiling!

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**Shirley Jones** - November 12, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ Debbie Wall lit a candle in memory of Rachel Irene Reineke



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**Debbie Wall** - November 11, 2020 at 01:51 PM

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“ Rachel is my aunt. She gave me lots of emotional support by talking to me on the phone every day for about an hour every day. I will always love my Aunt Rachel. One of my favorite sayings that she used to say was a response in coaching someone on how to deal with a daunting task. When dealing with a daunting task, my Aunt Rachel used to say "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time." I will always love my Aunt Rachel, and I will greatly miss her.  
Posted by Aunt Rachel's niece, Debbie Wall

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**Debbie Wall** - November 11, 2020 at 01:28 PM