



## Rita Lucille Pinard

August 7, 1940 - May 9, 2025

Rita Pinard (née Sutton), 1940–2025

Rita Pinard, 84, passed away peacefully on May 9th, surrounded by the family she loved so dearly. Rita was the youngest of eight children born to John and LaVeta Sutton. She lived a simple childhood on her family's small farm in Roseburg, Oregon, and graduated from Roseburg High School in 1958. In 1961, she married the love of her life, Russ Pinard. Together, they built a happy home in the Pacific Northwest, raising their family and sharing 49 wonderful years of marriage.

Rita had a sharp mind, a tireless spirit, and was a natural organizer and leader. She worked for many years at Hewlett-Packard, where her talents soon led her to plan major events, including the legendary HP picnic. Her dedication to community continued in retirement, and Rita volunteered much of her time and energy to causes and organizations dear to her, such as the HP Retired Employees Club, Benton County United Way, and the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. Her extraordinary accomplishments in volunteer service earned her numerous awards and recognition from governors and U.S. presidents.

Rita had a genuine gift for bringing people together. She loved hosting gatherings, playing games, and creating joyful memories with friends and

family. She and Russ treasured their travels across the country in their RV—exploring national parks, hosting at state campgrounds, experiencing regional festivities, and even leading RV caravans along the historic Oregon Trail. Her warmth, wit, and generosity touched all who knew her.

Rita is survived by her children Kari, Penny (Chris), and Dan (Debi); her grandchildren Sean, Cody, Nichelle, Kayli, AJ, Luke, Owen, Jack, Alex (Ichigo), Megan (Zach), and Jenny; her great-grandchildren Kade and Alayna; and her beloved dog, Mocha. She was preceded in death by her husband Russ and son Rex (Kathy).

A viewing will be held at 12:30 PM on Friday, May 23, at McHenry Funeral Home, Corvallis, Oregon, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity or, even better, consider volunteering for a worthy cause. Rita gave so much of herself to others—may her example continue to inspire.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 23. 2:00 PM (PT)

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

*There will be a viewing prior to the start of the service and a reception will follow.*

# Tribute Wall

EJ

“ A donation has been made to Heartland Humane Shelter & Care in memory of Rita Pinard by the HP Retired Employees Club of Oregon

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**Emily James** - June 16, 2025 at 04:06 PM

BE

“ My condolences to the many members of Rita's family. She truly loved all of you. I know that the hole she leaves is great, but she leaves many family memories too for you to cherish. I remember back in 2010 when she volunteered to fill the Administrative Specialist (ADS) position for the state of Oregon. She got upset with me when i asked her to find a replacement for the District Coordinator position she currently had. She soon did and then went on to work with the State Management Team, and the Regional management team in later years. She was an instructor, and was a delight to work with. She volunteered to handle much of the work for others and was truly an asset for the program. She will be missed as the program continues.

*Best wishes to all the family. Bill Ensign, Past State Coordinator 2010-2016 and 2020-2022*

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**Bill Ensign** - May 23, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“*Russell and Rita were classmates of mine at Roseburg Senior High. Russell was my best friend all my life and we when graduated, we were still friends until he passed away. To my way of thinking, Rita was the friendliest, most giving, caring, smart and loving to Russel and their kids. Our families had a variety of memorable memories made throughout the years and we shared so many laughs and fun. The first that comes immediately to mind, was when we visited them in Boise, and Dan told us that his lizard ate Rex's lizard. We all just cracked up about that. To this day, we laugh about that episode, which always makes us chuckle. There were other fun times as well, but the thing that was uppermost in our way of thinking, was that these two friends of mine, were the best, of the best. Our hearts go out to the family in this time of grief. Our deepest symphony and love to you all and we wish you well.*

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**Gary and Mary** - May 22, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“*A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Rita Lucille Pinard.*



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May 22, 2025 at 12:48 PM

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“ I met Rita 15 years ago through our shared volunteer passion with the TaxAide Program. Rita was an amazing woman who cared deeply about helping others, whether it was supporting the volunteers or helping the community with their tax returns every season. I have always appreciated her help and support. So I can only imagine how much love and support she provided to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be missed by so many. My sincere sympathy to her family. May many happy memories of Rita help you through your grief.  
Kathy Kuebbing, Newport, Oregon

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**Kathy Kuebbing** - May 22, 2025 at 12:35 PM

MB

“ I worked with Rita in TaxAide since I started in 2009. Her knowledge and willingness to share that knowledge of taxes and the program itself was deep. But more importantly, she approached the volunteer work with so much grace and patience. She listened to all our problems and questions and always found time in her busy schedule to get the answer, and always with a positive and upbeat attitude. She became a valued friend and will be missed very much.

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**Mary Buckman** - May 21, 2025 at 01:18 PM