



Sara Jane Fisk

January 24, 1927 - June 3, 2021

Sara Jane Fisk, 94, of Corvallis, passed away peacefully June 3, 2021.

Sara was born in Bakersfield, California, January 24, 1927 to Galen and Floy (Wade) Stahl. She grew up in Bakersfield and graduated from Kern County Union High School in 1944. She went on to earn an Associate in Arts from Bakersfield Junior College and a Bachelor of Arts from College of the Pacific in Stockton, California. While in high school and prior to college, she worked in a book store, a jewelry store, and a dress shop on Hollywood Boulevard while living in Beverly Hills. She also worked as a nurse's aide, but discovered nursing was not for her and thereafter seriously studied to be pre-med or a medical technologist. Sara did coursework at the College of the Pacific's Marine Biological Station, and would have pursued a career in marine biology if it had been an option for women at that time.

Sara met Leroy Fisk while at College of Pacific and they married September 2, 1951. They lived briefly in San Diego, California, where Sara worked as a medical technologist at San Diego County Hospital. They then moved to Weaverville, California, where she worked at Trinity County Hospital. Her daughter Karen was born in 1953 and they settled in Klamath Falls, Oregon in 1954. In Klamath Falls, Sara worked as a medical technologist at Merle West Medical Center. Her son Kurt was born in 1959.

Following Roy's death in 1982, Sara retired to devote time to Kurt's special needs and her volunteer work. In 1985, Sara and Kurt moved to Corvallis to be close to Karen and her family. Sara was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the First Congregational United Church of Christ. She also volunteered with Linn Benton Food Share, Meals on Wheels, and Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

Sara enjoyed traveling to explore new places and visit family; some of her most memorable travels were to Europe, Hawaii, and Mexico. She also loved to hike, exploring much of Oregon by foot. Sara backpacked a section of the Pacific Crest Trail from Crater Lake to Lake of the Woods with Roy and friends. Sara's hobbies included painting, knitting, playing bridge, gardening, attending concerts and plays, listening to classical music, and reading anything she could get her hands on. Sara greatly enjoyed socializing at senior fitness classes, continuing to attend them into her 90's. She also played a supportive role in her granddaughter's dance, athletic, and music activities.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents, Galen and Floy Stahl, her husband, Roy Fisk, and her brothers, Verlan, Allan, and Lelan Stahl. She is survived by daughter Karen Walker (Alan) and son Kurt Fisk, granddaughters Abbie Kimerling (Tom) and Ashley Walker (Todd Darlington), four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A family celebration of life will be held in Klamath Falls later this summer. She will be buried next to her husband at the Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The family appreciates the care and support given by the Corvallis Caring Place, Harmony Senior Living, and Lumina Hospice. Contributions in her memory may be made to ARC of Benton County in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

Please leave your thoughts and memories for the family at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ We knew Sara for 15 years as our neighbor. Sara was friendly and welcoming and I miss our conversations as I blew leaves off her driveway or brought her mail in on a wet or icy day. Her devotion and love for her son was obvious to all. We miss her and some morning I can still hear the swish of her broom as she cleared her steps of leaves and dust. You are missed Sara and our little neighborhood is just a little less bright without your presence.

Michael Harte - August 26, 2022 at 07:45 AM

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“ I knew Sara as a fellow member of our church’s newsletter folding group, famously known as *The Folding Floozies*, where we shared many laughs. I fondly remember her sweet nature and good spirits. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Suzanne Stultz

Suzanne Stultz - June 20, 2021 at 02:46 PM

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“ My condolence to Karen and Kurt, I will miss her.

Edith

Edith - June 17, 2021 at 01:30 PM

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“ I very much enjoyed the time shared with Sara, while I drove her to out of town Healthcare visits. We both had similar work backgrounds, travel experiences, and of course, shared much talk about our children. In addition, we also had many mutual church friends. Sara offered a wide range of experiences, knowledge, and wisdom. I will miss her natural kindness, and sage humor.

Patrick O'Dell

Patrick O'Dell - June 14, 2021 at 12:54 PM

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I knew Sara many years ago first in Klamath Falls and last in Corvallis. She was a wonderful friend and a good person.

Edith Wallin Svensen - June 16, 2021 at 02:26 PM