



## Sylvia Annette Cardwell

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Sylvia Annette Roth Cardwell, 71, of Corvallis went to be with her Lord on April 19, 2015.

She was born Feb. 22, 1944, in Portland to Swiss parents Peter N. Roth and Emma R. Schmuki. She grew up on a small farm in Damascus, Oregon, purchased by her immigrant Swiss grandparents. She attended Gresham High School, spent her college years at Portland State and Seattle Pacific universities (Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees), and began teaching in Seattle.

She married Rick D. Cardwell in 1970, and had a son, Derek (of Bangkok, Thailand), in 1974, and a daughter, Allison (of Corvallis), in 1976. She returned to work in 1990, initially as a teacher, and then as a library media specialist at Carnation Elementary School in Carnation, Washington. Her professional life was dedicated to all elements associated with children's education.

She spent most of her adult life in the Seattle area, and moved to Corvallis in 2001. She is survived by her husband; children; sisters Nancy, Trena and Rosalie; brother Peter; daughter-in-law Rose; and two grandchildren, Isabel

and Noah.

Sylvia was a kind and gentle spirit who always thought about others before herself. Her family and friends were extremely dear to her and rarely was there a detail that escaped her notice or memory. She loved to maintain these relationships through cards and letter writing. Sylvia had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. She reveled in books, often keeping notes and lists of her favorites to share with others.

She enjoyed nature, PBS, Time magazine, bird watching, the Food Channel, traveling without a plan, family history, watching the news, good grammar and perusing five different newspapers.

Per Sylvia's request, there will be no formal memorial service. In lieu of flowers, we think Sylvia would love to have you get yourself a hummingbird feeder and enjoy watching the birds as much as she did.

# Tribute Wall



“ We just heard, belatedly, about Sylvia's death. We are so sorry. We know she is no longer suffering, and she will be remembered for her kindness, curiosity, and cheer. Take care, Rick and family. Rest in peace, Sylvia.

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**Alice McCain** - December 07, 2015 at 11:46 PM

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“ Dear Cardwell Family:

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sylvia was a sweet lady and was much loved at Carnation Elementary. We remember that she read every book on the nominated lists of Sasquatch and YRC! She taught the kids note-taking and science skills, as well. She implemented computers at CE and raised the money for them! I was given a generous carry-over budget from Sylvia the year I started. She stayed at CE the summer I started here and taught me how to use Follett Library System.*

*She had many gifts and friends. She treated everyone who came into the library as if they were special and valuable. The kids loved her.*

*I know she is in perfect health right now, in the arms of God.*

*Thanks so much to Sylvia!*

*Yours,*

*Ellen Irion  
Carnation Elementary Library.*

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**Ellen Irion** - April 29, 2015 at 11:35 AM

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“ *Rick we wrote a condolence a week ago, but I don't see it. We are so sorry for your loss. Sylvia was such a sweet lady.*  
*Patti and Milt*

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**patti cardwell** - April 26, 2015 at 10:57 AM