



Theresa Armstrong

March 4, 1947 - March 16, 2009

Theresa K. Armstrong a Corvallis resident died peacefully on Monday evening at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center surrounded by extended family members and loved ones.

Theresa was born on March 4, 1947, in Long Beach, Calif. She was raised by her parents Lee and Mary Armstrong and lived in Long Beach where she attended school and participated in the Special Olympics. She moved to Corvallis with her parents when her father retired from the U. S. Postal Service in 1976.

Theresa was employed by the Bonnie Center and Open Door and did contract work for Hewlett-Packard. She was later hired by Hewlett-Packard and spent 25 years working in various production jobs and later in the Job Resource Center. She retired from HP in 2002. Theresa was well known throughout the HP Corvallis campus and was often called the “Beanie Baby Lady”; as she always had Beanie Babies on her delivery cart. After retirement, Theresa volunteered at the Bridges Group Home where she made friends that became part of her extended family, and the Corvallis Manor.

In her earlier days, Theresa played bingo at the Elks Lodge in Corvallis. She was also an auxiliary member of the Moose and American Legion. Theresa enjoyed playing bingo at the American Legion and buying the scratch off bingo cards. She loved to play Bunco and Wii bowling of which she let you know she was “pro status” in Wii. Theresa was a very active member of the Corvallis Church of the Nazarene and HP Retirees Club. She had a love of

animals and liked to visit friend's pets as well as animals at the Heartland Humane Society.

Theresa was well known throughout Corvallis for her kindness and love of life. She was also known for loving "Coke and Mountain Dew," as well as macaroni and cheese, hot dogs and grilled cheese sandwiches with the "crust cut off". She loved traveling with her dear friend Sharon Butterfield and Sharon's mother (who she referred to as Grandma) to Hawaii, Branson, Mo. Disneyworld, and especially Arizona to visit Sharon's sister, "Aunt Barbara." She also enjoyed vacationing with Len and Sharon and Grandma to family reunions in Montana and other places like, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and Canada. One of her favorite destinations was the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Theresa loved country music and amazed people with how many artists and songs she knew.

She is survived by one brother, Paul Armstrong and a large loving extended family including: Sharon and Len Butterfield of Corvallis, Ore, Peter, Jacque, Riley and Davis Clem of Knoxville, TN, James and Angie Butterfield of Corvallis, OR., Larry and BJ Hultz of West Yellowstone, MT., and Dennis Hultz of Phoenix, AZ., Barbara Hancock, Fountain Hills, AZ., Marilyn (Jerry) Smith, Blackfoot, ID. All her special friends at the Nazarene Church, especially Pastor Russ Stiverson and Pastor Katy Weber; and all the members of the HP Retirees club in Corvallis, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents; Lee and Mary Armstrong.

A viewing will be held at 9 a.m. and a celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2009, at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis. She will be laid to rest next to her parents at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. In lieu of flowers Theresa would prefer memorial contributions be made to Old Mill School, Vina Moses and The Heartland Humane Society in Corvallis. A luncheon will follow the celebration of life at Corvallis Church of the Nazarene.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I will never forget Theresa's incredible optimism and strength....she was not just a patient, but a friend to me during her stay at Corvallis Manor. The week before she passed away, she called me at work to let me know she was "doing great" and would be walking in the door the next time I saw her.....now she's walking with Jesus and her dear friend Betty Jo up in Heaven. I'm glad to know she's up there watching over us all!

She was a very, very special lady. The world has a little less light without her in it.

Blessings to everyone who knew and loved her.

Marla, RN @ Corvallis Manor - April 04, 2009 at 02:06 PM

KB

“ I am shocked and saddened by the news of Teresa's passing. She was a friend to all who knew her and was much respected and loved by all.

My sincere condolences to her extended family and friends. We have lost a beautiful soul.

Karen Bland - March 22, 2009 at 10:53 PM

SL

“ To the family of Theresa.

Our prayers, sympathy and thoughts are with you. May the Lord grant you peace and comfort. She will be remembered as cheerful, helping whenever she could. May the Lord bless each one in the family. Sheldon and Leone Larrabee

Sheldon & Leone Larrabee - March 21, 2009 at 03:26 AM

SW

“ Theresa will be missed by so many. She certainly had a great sense of humor and loved to tease others.

She and I met at HP, and our friendship started by her stopping by my desk one day and told me to "Get Busy!" And I told her that I would have to talk with her Supervisor and make sure she had enough to do!!(teasing her back). Thus the teasing and friendship began with us.

We shared the same birthday month, and we always teased each other about being a "year older" when it was birthday time. She loved to be teased.

I will miss her a lot, and am glad that she's "walking the streets of gold" now with her Heavenly Father. God bless you, Sharon for all you have done for Theresa! Sonja Webb

Sonja Webb - March 20, 2009 at 10:12 PM

DM

“ I was so sad to hear of Theresa's passing. She and I sold raffle tickets together at the last HP Retiree's Holiday Party in December. She definitely kept me busy running back and forth getting tickets and money...because we wanted to sell lots of tickets...which we did!! Her enthusiasm for helping was endless. Those of us in the HP Retirees Club will truly miss her.

Donna & Chris Mann - March 20, 2009 at 09:54 PM

LH

“ It was a joy to know her.

Larry & B.J. Hultz - March 19, 2009 at 02:07 PM

GS

“ Theresa was such a fun person to be around. She had a wonderful sense of humor. Her favorite line to me when she saw me was "Uh-Oh, here comes trouble". We will miss her smile, her attitude and her memory for recalling names and people she had worked with over the years. You will be terribly missed my all the friends you had. Peace be with you.

Gary STtader - March 19, 2009 at 10:40 AM

WW

“ My sympathies for the loss of your dear friend Theresa. I will miss her smiling face at our family reunions. She was such a joy to be around. I am sure she will be greatly missed. For all her family and friends, take comfort knowing you were blessed just to have known Theresa.

God Bless you all, Willie

William Wingert - March 18, 2009 at 09:21 PM