



Violet "Vi" Opal Campbell

September 14, 1941 - March 5, 2023

Violet "Vi" Campbell of Corvallis, Oregon, age 81, died Sunday, March 5, 2023, from complications of multiple myeloma. By Vi's request, no services will be held. Arrangements by McHenry Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Vi the first time I volunteered at the Heartland Thrift Shop. She was going through donations in the back and made some sarcastic comment to me, and I immediately became fond of her for her funny outspoken but understated ways. As I got to know her I learned she was one of the small original group that first formed the shop well over 20 years ago. She was an extremely dedicated and intelligent volunteer who researched donated art works and repaired lamps, among many other tasks she took on. More recently Vi was a regular volunteer at Chintimini Wildlife Center, taking their soiled bedding to her home to wash a couple times a week. Before she retired, Vi had a career as an OSU classified staff member. Vi loved gardening and her 3 sweet doxies, which she would bring to her volunteer shift and settle them down on a blanket in our small staff room. Vi was one of the most humble and unassuming people I have known. I will miss our visits.

Pam Stephens - April 23, 2023 at 12:14 AM

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“ I recall Violet working to update the labels of Master Gardener library books, a much-needed task. I also ran into Violet volunteering for several other local organizations - she was someone who was dedicated to public service. I will miss her.

Elza Records - OSU Extension Service Master Gardener Program

Elizabeth E Records - March 16, 2023 at 07:33 PM

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“ Dear Family, My heartfelt condolences are with you at this time of loss. Vi's death caught me with surprise, since I have not had contact with her during the last few years. For many years, Vi & I were co-volunteers at the Heartland Thrift Shop. Not long after I started working there, Vi clearly 'set me straight' when I - without consulting her first - "messed with her stuff" by tidying some items among the donated art that she processed and priced. When I offered a sincere apology, she rebuffed it with "it's in the past; no need to discuss it". I was impressed with her ability to move on from what was an important invasion of her space, and not hold a grudge. With my memories of Vi, there are always two little furry friends who frequently accompanied Vi during her volunteer shifts. They always seemed to entertain them selves politely, while she was busy. Vi was an example of generosity, and she steadfastly refused any of the 'perks' occasionally offered to volunteers, such as a gift certificate for Shop merchandise on one's birthday, not wanting to minimize the Shop's revenue, so it could all go to the care of animals at the Shelter. I do hope her passing was peaceful, and that those closest to her will find comfort in their memories with her. [I wish I had been close enough to her to know her birthday, so we could have recognized our shared birthday together.] ~ Kathryn Switzer

Kathryn Switzer - March 08, 2023 at 04:11 PM