



Wanda Mae Ridenour

June 14, 1924 - November 4, 2022

Wanda Mae Ridenour reached the end of her wonderful life on November 4, 2022 at the age of 98. She was a loving grandmother, mother and wife who spread joy and kindness wherever she went. As a young girl she grew up in Blodgett where her parents owned a timber mill and the Blodgett Store. Later she attended Philomath High School and met her husband Gerald William(Bill) Ridenour. They successfully ran the the Philomath Shell Station and Tire shop providing many jobs for high school students. Wanda is fondly remembered as a mentor to the boys who worked there. A favorite pastime was going to their cabin near Crescent on the Little Deschutes River. They enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling and trying to stay out of trouble on their four wheelers.

She is survived by her children Gerryann Delongchamp and Bob Ridenour, her grandchildren, Tracey and Troy Williams, Travis Delongchamp, Kelly Ward and Kim Ridenour, and her great grandchildren, Ian, Trey and Austin Williams, Quinn and Grace Ward, Allison, Austin, and Jaxson Richeson and Jace Ridenour. Wanda was an outgoing and caring person who was loved and admired by many. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew her. Above all she loved her family with all her heart.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Wanda is in my memories as the sweetest person. She was one of my mother's, Nadine Long, favorite people.*

I had the privilege of taking my mother and Wanda around to events while they both walked with canes or walkers. I was the designated driver and hence got to hear stories of the past of this wonderful woman. We visited other cousins, museums, and a few family events.

She is always remembered fondly by me.

I am so sorry for your loss.

Cindy Long - May 30, 2023 at 12:28 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear that Wanda had passed away! Wanda was a mentor for many of us that were her Ridenour Shell family. However for me it started much earlier. I was friends with her son Bobby in grade school and would often go over to his house and that was when I met Wanda. She was always so gracious and would often invite me to stay for dinner. Some times I was invited to go camping with their family in the camper they had on the back of their pick up.

Wanda would catch me doing the dumbest of things and yes she would make fun of me, but she always came back around to console me afterwards. When I became a young adult she treated me as though I was part of her Family. At one time in my adult life she gave me some life changing advice that helped me through a very difficult time. I always looked up to Wanda.

Wanda I will miss you and always Love you for all that you did for me.

Gary P White

Gary P White - November 14, 2022 at 05:29 PM

RS

“ I'm sad to learn Wanda has passed away. I loved Wanda and Bill. They treated all of us employees as if we were their children. Fun place to work in the 70's. They enjoyed taking all of us to Fern Ridge Lake in the summer for a weekend of camping and water skiing. Great Memories !! Many of us are still friends today. I glad Wanda was able to live a long and happy life. She was a great lady and a loving friend to so many. Wanda we love you and you will never be forgotten. Rest well great lady, Always, Ross Starwalt

ROSS STARWALT - November 11, 2022 at 01:54 PM