



Wilma Christine Coffee Toevs

August 3, 1922 - March 3, 2020

Wilma Christine Coffee Toevs lived an amazing 35,642 days (97 years) until heaven called.

Born in Hoenwald, TN she soon moved to Detroit, MI. Following high school, her first job was at J.L. Hudson's department store selling pretty things; silk stockings, gloves, ladies scarves and handkerchiefs.

WWII led her to join the Women's Army Corps. Wilma was stationed at Cape Cod, MA working rehab with returning wounded (yet flirty) soldiers. While there, she met her future husband Alden, on a blind date. A short three weeks later the war ended and she had a ring on her finger!

Their wedding, June 22nd, 1946 in Detroit, was followed by a road trip to Aberdeen, ID, Alden's little hometown. It was nothing short of total culture shock. Her three children were born in Aberdeen; Alden Jr. in 1949, Cynthia in 1951, and Marcia in 1952. They also lived in Blackfoot and Pocatello, ID before moving to Corvallis in 1965 when Alden became President and CEO of Citizen's Bank.

Wilma's memberships at Corvallis Country Club, First Baptist Church, PEO Chapter S and many bridge groups created wonderful lasting friendships. Cooking and entertaining for family and friends was Wilma's lifelong delight. Her cookbook collection grew to thousands. Ever on the lookout for an estate

sale or antique shop, she found beautiful sets of china, crystal, teacups and teapots, and furniture for her home.

Wilma's fondness for the lovely things led her to open Wilma Christine's Diamond Shop in 1978 in downtown Corvallis.

After Alden passed in 1994, she continued her yearly trips to Kauai and also enjoyed some big adventures. A Rogue River whitewater rafting trip for her 80th birthday - she loved it -, a trip to Australia to visit her son, an Alaskan cruise and grandchildren's weddings made her very well traveled. She loved it all!

Wilma's last few years were spent at Willamette Springs and we thank them for their kindness. Also thanks to Lumina Hospice for wonderful care in her final weeks. A contribution to Lumina in her name is welcome.

Wilma is survived by her son Alden L. Toevs Jr. (Judi Wolf), and daughters Cynthia Brown and Marcia (Gene) Harder. She was a much loved "Nonnie" to 13 grandchildren and spouses along with 25 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Marcia Bone, sister-in-law Irene Thomas, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Alden L. Toevs, parents Robert and Georgia Coffee, two brothers and two sisters.

The entire family sends a special loving thanks to granddaughter Anna Harder for 8 years of devoted companionship and care.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 6, 2020 at McHenry Funeral Home Chapel in Corvallis.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330
(541) 757-8141
info@mchenryfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ My parents, Melvin and Wanda Westwood, were friends with both Wilma and Alden through the First Baptist Church for many years. Wanda passed away in 2007 and Mel, age almost 97, has been in a care facility for the past 4 years, so I wanted to offer condolences from my family to yours. Wilma lived a good, long life, so may she be at peace and may your happy memories of her bring you comfort. Nancy Butler-Neary

Nancy Butler-Neary - March 06, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Wilma Christine Coffee Toevs



Mary & Bob - March 06, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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“ Wilma was our nearby neighbor in Stoneybrook Village. We were the people with the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel dog. Wilma called one day to say that her daughter, who raised Cavaliers, was visiting and would we like to come over for a visit to share dog stories? I do remember at least one dog that was visiting that day! She took me inside to see her beautiful African violets and told me that they just loved that room in her house. We think of Wilma each day as we pass her home while walking. Our hearts are with each of you and especially with Anna at this sad and difficult time. Kay and George Novak

Kay Novak - March 04, 2020 at 05:48 PM