



Alberta M. Pierce

July 5, 1923 - May 19, 2019

Alberta M. Pierce, age 95, died Sunday, May 19, 2019 at her Corvallis home. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at <http://www.demosdurdan.com>

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“ From Elizabeth Solmon

I first met Alberta in 1970 when my husband Don and I were newly married and newly arrived from the East. I had just been hired as a shelver at the Public Library and was very shy but Alberta made me feel so welcome. Her warm and pleasant manner with Library patrons greatly influenced my own work as I went on to work in the circulation dept. with her.

She delighted in showing Don and I some of her favorite places in Oregon - places we still love to visit : the Metolius springs, proxy falls, the McKenzie pass especially. We went camping together many times and she entertained us with her vast repertoire of wonderfully goofy camp songs.

Later a very memorable trip was a few weeks in England and her beloved Wales. It was just Alberta, our friend Helen, and me (pregnant with our first child). We rented a car and wandered to many lovely places. Wales was especially memorable because we met many of Alberta's Welsh friends. Don and I had moved away from Oregon by then and the trip was a great way to meet up with my two dear friends again.

When Don was later hired by OSU we arranged to rent a house but it was not ready when we arrived. Alberta volunteered to put us up for the month. We helped out by Don cleaning and me cooking. It was very hot that summer so a few nights we all slept on the lawn and often awoke to deer munching nearby and hummingbirds enjoying her beautiful garden. I learned a lot about gardening from her too.

When our daughter Joanna was born our families were all in the East so Alberta stepped up to help. She gave me excellent parenting advice and confidence. 3 years later when our son Dan arrived, Alberta's gift to us was to babysit him so Joanna and I could go to the Library for story time.

I spent many hours at Deer Run, sitting by the woodstove or on the patio working on needlework projects with Alberta. We are so fortunate to have known such an amazing friend!

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