



Carolyn McGinty Stevenson

October 11, 1934 - January 23, 2019

Carolyn G. McGinty Stevenson, 84, died on January 23, 2019, at Willamette Springs Memory Care in Corvallis, Oregon. She was born October 11, 1934, to Catharine and J. Roscoe McGinty in Mansfield, Ohio.

She graduated from Portage High School in Portage, Michigan in 1951. Carolyn earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry from Michigan State University in 1955. While a student at Michigan State, she was a member of both the Livestock and the Meats Judging teams, winning awards in both. A little known fact about Carolyn is that her first job out of college was at Hormel and included keeping the national scrapbook on SPAM updated.

Carolyn met Joe Stevenson while both worked at Honneger's in Fairbury, Illinois. They were married in Mansfield, Ohio on September 20, 1958. They settled in Illinois and their family quickly grew to six after they had four daughters in five years. Carolyn had a heart for service. While in Illinois, she was very involved in Presbyterian churches in Fairbury, Monmouth and Chenoa. She also served many years as a 4-H leader in Monmouth. A talented seamstress, she spent countless hours sewing and altering clothing for family, friends, and friends-of-friends. In 2003, the couple moved to Lebanon, Oregon, and after Joe died in 2008, Carolyn moved to Corvallis.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one brother (Hugh McGinty) and a stillborn son (Andrew James).

Surviving are her four daughters Cynthia Stevenson (Rick), Corvallis, OR; Hope Goering (Dick), Cedar Falls, IA; Stephanie Sidhom (Hany), Tacoma, WA; and Priscilla Schoenberg (Jeff), Cedar Lake, IN; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Also surviving are her sister, Charlene Huber, Oil City, PA; her brother Patrick McGinty (Lisa), Redondo Beach, CA; and her sister-in-law Patricia McGinty, Mansfield, OH.

A small family service is being planned for later in the year.

Carolyn's daughters would like to thank Willamette Springs Memory Care's staff for providing Carolyn a safe and loving environment in the two years she lived there. They also thank Lumina Hospice for their support during the past four weeks.

Memorials may be given to: Self Development Of People (SDOP)

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Comments



“ The Stevensons were our dear friends from the time they first moved to Monmouth in the early 70s. With children the same ages, we "parented" and "carpooled" together. We still wonder how it was possible to get so many kids into the Stevenson's blue VW station wagon! Carolyn's energy and big smile always carried the day. To her family, we extend our very sincere sympathy.
Harlow and Lila Blum

Lila Blum - February 14 at 06:16 PM



“ Lila, thanks so much for sharing! Those were good times!

cynthia - February 14 at 10:46 PM



“ The Fairbury Shakespeare Club would like to express our sympathy to Carolyn's family. She was a wonderful member of our group and was missed when she moved.

I would also like to express my sympathy. I played bridge with Carolyn too and I'm sure she will be missed by all. Barb Ward

Barb Ward - February 08 at 02:02 PM



“ Barb, thanks so much for your kind words! Mom was one-of-a-kind and she is most certainly missed! I remember you from our days in Fairbury!

cynthia - February 12 at 01:26 PM



“ Cynthia.. what a beautiful tribute poem to your mom... reading about Carolyn has brought back so many memories.. your house in Monmouth was the neighborhood hangout hub .. we had so much fun there.. playing kick the can.. i loved hanging out in your kitchen eating ginger snap cookies after school.. Carolyn was always so welcoming..

she was such a wiz on the sewing machine too...

Love the photo of the four of you with your mom.. good to see you all again!..

Jennifer Blum - February 03 at 02:49 AM



“ Momma

Momma, we've lost our guiding light
Our rudder in the sea.

You were always there to hold us tight
And knew when to set us free!

In this world of ours we've come to love
We always pictured you
But now without your precious smile
Our days feel rather blue.

That smile of yours was full of joy
For all you came to know
But it was extra wide for one boy
A gentle guy named Joe.

You loved our daddy with all your heart
And you know he loved you, too.
God blessed your union from the start
Four girls came pretty soon!

You've always had a curvy shape
For that we girls were blessed.
We always had a place to lay
Our heads upon your chest.

There are things you use to say to us
A few heard in disbelief.
You'd chop us up - feed us to the pigs
I'm sure others thought "good grief!"

Mom, you used your hands for serving
Your head and your heart, too.
You served the Lord, your savior
I learned so much from you!

This whole wide world seems so big
There's more I need to learn.
You're my mentor, friend and mother,
What will I do...where will I turn?

When the angels came to take you
To a better place,
I couldn't help but wish
They'd return a smile to your face.

Momma I'll always love you!
There's never been another
Person in this whole wide world
Who's been a better mother!

Cys

aka Cynthia

cynthia - January 27 at 09:17 AM



“ Absolutely beautiful, Cynthia!

Diana - January 27 at 11:21 PM



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Cynthia S Stevenson - January 26 at 11:00 PM



“ Carolyn was one of those type of people who could turn one if your most stressful days or situations around. I spent many lunches and free time just hanging out with Carolyn in her room, sitting in one of her chairs talking about life, hobbies and sometimes just sitting in companionable silence. She was such a sweet and kindhearted women and was so so so funny. I never left her presence without a smile on my face. I love her and she truly touched my life in the most special of ways.

LaQuoya Tyler - January 26 at 04:43 AM



“ Thanks so much for sharing your thoughts and memories of Mom, Q! I know I speak for my sisters when I say we always knew Mom was well cared for on your watch! As Stephanie would say “Thank-Q!”

Cynthia - January 26 at 11:22 AM



“ Thank-Q, indeed! You were such a wonderful presence in Mom's life; we appreciate the sweet care you gave her at Willamette Springs. I've never seen you without a smile on your face, either -- no wonder Mom smiled when you were around. <3

Stephanie Sidhom - January 26 at 05:17 PM



“ Emily & I visited Joe & Carolyn several times when they were in Lebanon, and then in Corvallis after 2008; all when driving up to Seattle to see our daughter Cecily & family. Their hospitality and good cheer was a bright spot on the long drive. We remember the story of their meeting, and the connection of Lucile's weekly columns. We send our sympathy to all the family, and especially Wil & Betty.
With love, Cousin Emily Brown Clemons & Bob

Emily Brown Clemons & Bob - January 26 at 04:11 AM



“ Thanks Emily & Bob for sharing. Mom always loved it when you two stopped for a visit.

Cynthia - January 26 at 11:26 AM



“ Mom did, indeed, enjoy your visits to Corvallis! Thank you for always thinking of her!

Stephanie Sidhom - January 26 at 05:18 PM



“ I loved talking to Carolyn when I worked at Willamette springs memory care. She was a favorite of mine and she Will be missed.

Andrea Knapp-George - January 25 at 10:48 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Joe and Carolyn from my youth. I spent a lot of time at their house with my close friend, Cynthia. Carolyn always made me feel welcomed.

I still can see her face when she watched Joe cut Cynthia's finger out of the swing back. Makes me smile to remember them.

Ellis - January 25 at 04:22 PM



“ Haha! Ellis, I had nearly forgotten that incident! Thanks for sharing and bringing an immediate smile to my face.

Cynthia - January 26 at 11:29 AM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - January 24 at 01:38 PM