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Rosina Imogene Gotchall, 88, of Corvallis died July 24, 2019 following a battle with ovarian cancer. Imogene was born Jan. 23, 1931 in Amarillo, Texas to John Chester and Emma Walters Hooker. Imogene's parents worked side-by-side, striving to make ends meet during the Great Depression. Itinerant farmers, they moved along the edge of the Dust Bowl in Texas and New Mexico, surviving through faith, tenacity and love.

In 1938, Imogene's family moved from New Mexico to Junction City. Honored as her class salutatorian, she graduated from Junction City High School in 1949. A first-generation college student, Imogene received a scholarship to attend Oregon State College (OSU) and the University of Oregon Medical School (OHSU), graduating with Honors from the School of Nursing in 1954. She went on to serve as a nurse in delivery and operating rooms for more than 39 years in Albany, Corvallis and Eugene.

Retiring in 1993, Imogene volunteered at Tax Aid and Habitat for Humanity. She also provided child-care for her friends and family. Imogene enjoyed traveling, reading, gardening, recycling, caring for her dog and loving, most of all, her faith, family and friends. She is remembered for her sweet generosity, cheerful goodwill, grit and quiet determination.

Imogene is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her sister Martha Helms; children Ruth Palmer, Mark and John Gotchall; grandchildren James Palmer, Megan, Shane, Cody and James Gotchall; and great grandchildren Brayden and Gauge Gotchall. A Celebration of Life will be held at her beloved Suburban Christian Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019. Condolences may be left at www.demosdurdan.com. Memorial donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity, Lumina Hospice or a favorite charity.

Comments



“ John, Jeff and I are so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. We now understand where your passion for medicine and caring for others comes from. Suburban is the best church family and we praise God that she is asleep with Him until Christ's return. John may your heart be full of thanksgiving for the joy and gift of your mom. We are just so sorry. Love Jeff and Liz Doyle

L. Doyle - September 01, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ Hi Liz: Thank you so much for your kind words. I believe that you and Jeff know the undeserved, Amazing Grace of having a great mother. Thank you both for your support and may Christ's Peace be with you.

Regards, John

John Gotchall - September 15, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ Imogene was a wonderful light in my life. Though I only knew her for a short time, she impacted my life in a positive way. I always looked forward to cleaning her room, and having conversations with her. She was such a strong, sweet and caring woman and I'm going to miss her tremendously. My thoughts and prayers go out to her and her wonderful family.

Becky - July 25, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ Dear Becky: Thank you for your reflection. Mom really appreciated you and your thoughtful care. Thank you for being open to making connections with the people you serve.

Best wishes, John Gotchall

John Gotchall - August 07, 2019 at 12:43 PM