



Irene Estella Stephens

July 3, 1920 - July 12, 2015

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Irene Stephens passed away unexpectedly six days after joyfully celebrating her 95th birthday with her family in Corvallis.

Irene was a radiant, loving, courageous, and deeply spiritual person treasured by her family and her many friends. She was extremely gifted in her hobby of colored pencil artistry and won numerous blue ribbons for her lovely knitted and crocheted clothing and baby blankets.

Irene was a kind and giving person, knitting gifts for new babies and cancer patients. She was a longtime member of LBCC's Write Your Life Story class and completed four memoirs detailing each phase of her life, including fascinating stories of growing up in Montana in the 1920s and 1930s. She was eager to learn anything new and was adept at using her computer to keep in touch with friends and family. All who knew Irene were inspired by her loving concern for others and appreciation of nature's beauty, awed by her detailed memory and warmed by her infectious laugh.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Webb; parents Clifford and Opal Marsh; her siblings Bill, Bob and Merle Marsh, and Adeline Dotson; and granddaughter Leah.

She is survived by her sons, Wayne, Jan and Dean (Pam); grandchildren Laura (Mark), North (Heather), Lauren (Brent), Sean, Clay and Caleb; great-grandchildren Tyler and Tiana; and great-great-grandchildren Bryce and Bentley. Irene will also be sorely missed by her beloved sister-in-law, Dianne Marsh; and several close nieces and nephews.

Irene made lifelong friends wherever she went. We were blessed to have her in our lives.

A small family celebration of life will be held at a later time. We invite you to share your happy memories of Irene on her Facebook page or at www.forevermissed.com/irene-estella-stephens.

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“ My deepest sympathy to your family. Irene was so dear to me, I did her hair probably 26 yrs. She was so loving, fun and that smile will be missed. I am so happy to have some of her art work she was so talented. I will sure miss our talks. I loved her lots!

Jeannie Gaffney - July 22, 2015 at 07:31 PM

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Beautiful Irene is now the newest angel in heaven. Will miss visiting with her after her break from art class at Lbcc. What a very classy lady!

Jeannie Gaffney - July 24, 2015 at 09:55 AM

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Deepest sympathy regarding the newest angel came from Boopy bacon. Sweet Irene will be missed by many.

Jeannie Gaffney - July 24, 2015 at 10:09 AM