



Marjorie H. Goss

September 1, 1929 - December 27, 2019

Marjorie Anne Hill Goss died December 27th, 2019, at Quail Run in Mennonite Village, Albany, Oregon.

Marjorie was born in Ely, Nevada, September 1st, 1929. Marjorie was the daughter of Ina Howard and Ernest Raymond Hill. She grew up in Utah, attending public schools in Richfield, Salt Lake City and Ogden, then finishing a bachelor's degree in English in 1950 at the University of Utah. Shortly thereafter, she married Chal Currie Goss of Salt Lake City. They were divorced in 1969.

Marjorie finished an M.A. at Northwestern University in 1960 and a doctorate in English literature at the University of Oregon in 1970. From that time until 1994 she taught in the English Department at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri. For several years after she retired, she remained in Missouri, where she did volunteer work at the Bushwacker Museum, was associate editor of its quarterly, handled publicity for the organization and did historical research and writing.

Marjorie enjoyed traveling in Europe, but her favorite country was England: the place where she spent most of her vacation time for many years.

Marjorie returned to Oregon in 2002. While she was drawn to Yachats for its

beauty and proximity to the ocean, she ultimately settled in Corvallis for its diversity and intellectual stimulation. In her final years she settled in Albany, Oregon.

Marjorie became a Unitarian about 1950 and, while living in Oregon, was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis.

Contributions in Marjorie's memory may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis or Planned Parenthood.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demossturda.com

Tribute Wall

MC

“*Marjorie was my neighbor at the Mennonite Village for a few years, and I have happy memories of her good company and fine sense of humor. My library of poetry vastly improved under her guidance! A lovely lady, sadly missed.*

Mike Colling - January 25, 2020 at 02:47 PM

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“*In Corvallis Marjorie was a founder and organizer of a group of writers who call themselves “Live Poets.” We so valued her ready sense of humor, her knowledge of literature, and her delightful wit. She is greatly missed. Here’s a Clerihew written for her:
"Marjorie Goss:
rarely at a loss
for an apposite quote
on a whimsical note."
--Judith Edelstein*

Judith Edelstein - January 24, 2020 at 08:21 PM

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“*Dr. Goss had a tremendous impact on my education and my life in general. I haven’t seen her or communicated with her since she left Cottey, but I hope her golden years were filled with beauty and joy. May she rest peacefully in the knowledge that her life was well lived.*

*Karen O’Leary
Cottey Class of 1974*

Karen O’Leary - January 22, 2020 at 07:21 PM

DG

Dr. Goss was my favorite teacher at Cottey. She taught me how to formulate and write a paper which has followed me through my professional and personal life. I took a English literature class with her and she had us read Beowulf and she read it to us in its original language. She was engaging and passionate about teaching. I am so grateful to her for being a wonderful teacher.

Godspeed Dr. Goss.

Devon Gedney

Cottey Class of 1974

Devon Gedney - January 22, 2020 at 09:27 PM

MW

It is lovely to read the testimonies of Dr Goss' students. Thank you for taking time to write.

Marilyn Walker - February 01, 2020 at 11:37 PM