



## Shirley Gene Nicolaides

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Shirley Gene Nicolaides of Salem died Sunday in Salem.

Gene was born in Los Angeles. She married Edward Kirk Nicolaides on Dec. 14, 1943, in Modesto, California.

For 71 years, Gene and Kirk created a safe haven for their children, grandchildren and extended family. Gene's love for her family was unconditional and limitless, and she always saw the best in everyone.

She was generous, playful and knew how to savor the moment, whether it was sitting on her deck, drinking a cup of tea in the sunshine, working in her garden, or traveling to the far reaches of the world. She will be greatly missed by her loved ones and all those whose lives she touched.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Corvallis.

Survivors include her husband; sons James Kirk (wife, Kennette) and William Steven Nicolaides; daughter Vicki Lee and her husband, Verlund Kimpton; grandchildren Tricia Weaver, Heidi Dyer, Kevin Kimpton and David Kimpton;

and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her grandson Jeff Kirk Nicolaides.

Visitation is set for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home in Corvallis. A service will follow at 2 p.m.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demossturda.com](http://www.demossturda.com).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory  
815 NW Buchanan Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97330

## Funeral Service

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am a neighbor on Stamm Place, D A Peterson, and I want to tell you how Grandma Gene, as she liked to be called, was my Santa's helper. My daughter, Colleen, was a huge American Girl Doll lover and I had to enlist Grandma Gene's help to keep Colleen from finding out that she was getting a new doll, Kristin, or outfits for Christmas. I would have the boxes shipped to the Nicolaides house so my daughter would not see the packages from American Girl show up on our doorstep. Grandma Gene always had her dolls on display at Christmas time so I new she would be a fun Elf.

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**Daryl Ann Peterson** - May 29, 2015 at 10:21 AM