



## Suzanne Carol Knopp

October 4, 1938 - June 12, 2021

### Suzanne's Obituary

Suzanne C. Knopp went home to the loving arms of her Savior on June 12, 2021.

She was born on October 4, 1938 to parents Bill and Mildred Gaylord of Portland, Oregon. She graduated with high honors from Jefferson High School in Portland and attended Seattle Pacific College in Seattle, Washington. She met Bill Knopp while both were in their freshman years. They were married in the summer of 1959 and graduated two years later. Suzanne graduated from Seattle Pacific College (now university) with high honors with a bachelor's degree in Christian Education. She worked for Boy's and Girl's Aid society in Portland while Bill was attending Western Seminary.

While they lived in Portland, Oregon Stephen Eugene was born and two years later Timothy William was born. In the 1970's while Bill was pastoring at First Baptist Church in Bend, Oregon, Kristen Elizabeth was born. The family moved to Elmhurst, Illinois in 1976 and resided there until 1995. They returned to Oregon in 1995 to pastor First Baptist Church of Corvallis.

Suzanne's parents are both with the Lord and she is survived by Jerry (Nicki) Gaylord of Damascus, Oregon, Gayle (Mike) Moist of Meridian, Idaho, Doug (Sally) Gaylord of Portland and Greg (Rebecca) Gaylord of Dufur, Oregon. She is also survived by her loving husband, Bill Knopp of Corvallis, Oregon; son, Stephen Eugene Knopp (Diane) of Elmhurst, Illinois; daughter, Kristen Elizabeth Olson (Dave) also of Elmhurst, Illinois; and son, Timothy William

Knopp (Melissa) of Bend Oregon; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Suzanne has invested much of her life in serving her family and leading children's ministries in the churches where they served. Suzanne and Bill have enjoyed travelling to many countries including three trips to Israel. Suzanne accepted Jesus as her savior as a young girl and has always considered it a great privilege to follow him and serve others in His name. She was a wonderful pastor's wife, a loving mother and a giving friend to many. A celebration of her life will be held at First Baptist Church in Corvallis, Oregon at 10:00 am on Monday, July 26th. You are invited to come as you are. If you would like to make a donation in her honor make it to First Baptist Church of Corvallis designated to Children's Ministries.

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 10:00 AM (PT)

First Baptist Church  
125 NW 10th St  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’m thankful for my Mom and the caring, individual care that she gave to me as her daughter, and to my kids. She gave countless prayers, hugs, kisses, reading time, phone calls, and her famous chocolate chip cookies that were always on hand and ready to serve.

*She learned each of their personalities and looked for ways to encourage them and inspire them to serve others and always do their best.*

*We love her, miss her, and we will see her again in heaven! ❤️*

*Pictured with her are my kids (Kyler, Jeremy, and Julia).*



Kristen Olson - June 22, 2021 at 01:53 AM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - June 21, 2021 at 03:56 PM

DD

“ While serving as the leader of the Jr. High Sunday School department at 1st Baptist Church in Bend, I found myself in need of a teacher for one of our girl's classes . . . eighth grade, as I recall. I really wanted Suzanne to take the class but she was leading the Junior Department at the time. She was doing an outstanding job - a trademark of her work! - and the department was thriving.

*I carefully and prayerfully asked her if she would consider leaving the Junior Department to take the girls class. It wasn't long until she told me that she had been sensing a stirring in her spirit regarding her ministry. She agreed to take the class! Was I delighted! Why did I ask Suzanne to take the class? Because I could think of no better teacher for those girl's! And they loved her! She was a gracious and gifted lady. And an outstanding teacher!*

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**Dave Douglass** - June 18, 2021 at 07:06 PM

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*I was one of the girls in the 8th grade class mentioned above, and yes, she was an outstanding teacher! As she sat at the head of the table, she had this habit of putting her elbows on the table in front of her, clasping her hands and rotating her wrists away from each other. Why I remember that, I have no idea, but every time she has come to mind over the years, I find myself clasping my hands and rotating my wrists! I always thought she was a beautiful, refined lady. But beyond that, I remember her eyes; eyes that consistently radiated love, kindness and intelligence, and eyes that twinkled when she laughed! Mrs. Knopp was gracious and gifted, indeed!*

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**Colleen Douglass Adent** - June 20, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JG

*So sorry for the loss of such a gentle kind lady. Sending a special hug to Bill who led my husband Gary to the Lord.*

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**Joy Ganster** - July 26, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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*I remember Bill and Suzanne when they led the Young Married Class at Burlingame Baptist. We loved them and were sorry when they left.*  
*Dave & Joanne DeHaan*

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**Joanne** - March 02, 2024 at 11:28 PM