



Verlyne P. Phillips

May 24, 1941 - October 30, 2015

Verlyne Preston Phillips was born May 24, 1941, and raised on a farm in Northeast Nebraska. Her first eight years of school were spent in a one-room country school, and her high school years in Coleridge, Nebraska. She graduated from high school in 1958 and then enrolled in the University of Nebraska. In 1962 she graduated with a degree in medical technology and began working in the clinical laboratory of the Nebraska University Hospital in Omaha.

On August 25, 1963, she was married to Wayne H. Phillips. After Wayne graduated from medical school, they moved to Portland, Oregon, where she again worked at the medical school hospital. In 1965 they moved to Iowa City, Iowa, for Wayne's pathology residency.

They moved to Corvallis in 1969, where they raised their children. She was a frequent volunteer at school, church, and in the community. Among the things she enjoyed were dealing with challenging volunteer tasks (often requiring the use of her computer), entertaining at dinner parties, playing bridge, and gatherings with friends. Family, friends and relationships were important to her.

She was diagnosed with stage three ovarian cancer in February of 2008, and lived successfully with that disease until recently. During the last years of her life she became actively involved in a campaign to raise funds for a new

cancer center. That center is now nearing completion and will soon be open on the Good Samaritan Campus.

Verlyne brought a variety of competencies to her many endeavors: a deep well of creativity, meticulous attention to detail, her desire to learn something new with every major project she undertook. She was a genuine collaborator, and her positive attitude brought about the best in those with whom she worked. She will be remembered for her graciousness, her good humor in the face of everything from learning challenging new computer software to living with cancer, and, most of all, her love for and commitment to her family, her many friends, and the community organizations she supported.

Verlyne died October 30, 2015, in her home in Corvallis, with family members present. She is survived by her husband, Wayne; her children, Jennifer of Tacoma and Jonathan (wife Arminda and daughter Georgia Scout) of Dublin, Ireland; brother Douglas (wife Ruth) of Randolph, NE, and numerous other family members.

A memorial service will be held at First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Rd, Corvallis, Saturday, December 5th at 3:00 pm. The family requests that funds donated in her memory be directed to the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation for the Cancer Center or to First Congregational Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 3:00 PM (PT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
4515 SW West Hills Road
Corvallis, OR 97333

Tribute Wall

GH

“ We will miss her deeply. Her photo makes me smile. Her open face reflects her open heart. She freely offered all she had, asking nothing in return. What a lovely woman.

Guy and Cathy Holliday - November 10, 2015 at 01:28 PM

JH

“ I'm saddened by Verlyne's death. She will certainly be both remembered and missed by those who knew her. She was a lovely woman.

Jerry Hilliard - November 04, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ Verlyne was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was intelligent ,curios, very capable, and responsible, which can be said of many but she seemed to embody more than that. I think of it as graciousness. She showed a natural poise which was tempered by her kindness.

I remember once meeting her at the First Alternative grocery store; we spent maybe 10 minutes or so chatting. Even though her bodily challenges were great, her support of myself and my challenges is what I remember most from the meeting. I was inspired by her compassion and kindness and will miss her.

Rose Christianson

Rose Christianson - November 04, 2015 at 01:20 PM

DG

“ Lynn and I share our deepest sympathies. Verlyne's legacies are great, only surpassed by her kindnesses.

David and Lynn Grube - November 04, 2015 at 10:28 AM

NS

“ Verlyne was a role model for many of us at First Congregational Church of Christ - probably for others elsewhere as she radiated grace, intelligence, elegance and kindness. She will not be taken from my heart and mind but will continue to inspire me when I think of the day-to-day saints.



Nancy Swain - November 03, 2015 at 10:48 AM

LM

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lloyd McAnelly - November 02, 2015 at 12:25 PM

EO

“ Jon and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Emily Orillon - November 01, 2015 at 09:40 PM

KB

“ The entire Chappell family sends their condolences to Wayne, Jenny, and Jonathan. We have such fond memories of Verlyne and the entire Phillips family, our neighbors for a bit on 29th Street. We send light and love to you all.
Kaelin Chappell Broaddus

Kaelin Chappell Broaddus - November 01, 2015 at 03:50 PM

JK

“ We were so sad to read of Verlyne's passing. I remember so well helping her with cub scouts when Jonathan and Kevin were at that age. Everything she did she did well and she was such a gracious lady. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Wayne, Jonathan and Jenny. It was a privilege to know her.

Gerry and Jane De Kam

Jane De Kam - October 31, 2015 at 07:55 PM

JW

“ Jack and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Wayne, Jenny and Jonathan. Verlyne was, indeed, a special person and we will miss her. I have many wonderful memories of us watching together as our daughters played soccer and basketball, working together on the sports program for CV and sharing duties for Assistance League. Verlyne was a "doer". All will miss her. JoAnne Walstad

JoAnne Walstad - October 31, 2015 at 06:10 PM

PH

“ Wayne...I'm so sorry to read of Verlyne's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time. May God bless and comfort you.

patricia landers hollenbeck - October 31, 2015 at 04:38 PM

CO

“ We are sorry for your loss. Verlyn, will be remembered as an intelligent, caring, happy friend. Chuck & Carole Orman

Chuck & Carole Orman - October 31, 2015 at 12:19 PM

WP

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Wayne Phillips - October 31, 2015 at 11:58 AM

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Wayne Phillips - October 31, 2015 at 11:50 AM

JS

“ *We met over 30 years ago, our boys deeply involved in the Crescent Valley Ski Racing Team. Verlyne and Wayne, and many dedicated parent volunteers, spent fall and winter Saturdays trekking to the ski slopes to support the team. We remember Verlyne and family with gratitude.*

John and Mary Dean Snelling

John Snelling - October 31, 2015 at 11:42 AM

JL

“ Will miss her deeply. What a blessing she has been to me for very many years. Prayers to all her family.



Jackie Luttrell - October 31, 2015 at 09:47 AM

DL

“ A wonderful person and her friendship will be truly missed. My thoughts are with the family. She was an inspiration to us all!

David L.

david lindley - October 31, 2015 at 12:02 AM