



## Wanda June Tobiassen

August 3, 1930 - May 10, 2016

Wanda Tobiassen passed away peacefully at Good Samaritan Hospital on May 10th, 2016 after a brief illness. She left this world in the morning, but not too early, as it was normally her habit not to do anything important until well after the sun rose. She is survived by her sister, Wilma Shuell; her brother, Darrel (aka Jim) Stinson; her sons Mark, (Nicole); Lane, (Sabrina); Paul, (Vickie); and Todd (partner, Laura); her grandchildren Sarah, Randall, Tyler, Jared, Hannah, Alex and Max; and her great-grandchildren Keala and Myles. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Wanda was born on August 3rd, 1930, in Hockerville, Oklahoma, a small mining town on the Kansas border. When she was 3 years old, the family moved to the Mojave, California, area where Wanda's father worked as a miner. As a young girl, Wanda endured bouts with rheumatic fever, which left her bed-ridden for months and caused her to miss graduating from High School. In 1949, the family moved to Nevada City, California, in the foothills of the Sierra Mountains. She lived there with her parents, sister and brother until she met and married a local boy named Bill Tobiassen in 1950. They eventually moved to Portland, Oregon, where they had a son, Mark, in 1960, another son, Lane, in 1962, and then twin sons, Todd and Paul, in 1965. They relocated to Corvallis, where Wanda worked at several jobs after the kids started school. In 1976 Wanda helped incorporate the City of Adair Village, and served as its City Recorder and City Administrator until her retirement in

2000. Wanda co-authored a book about Adair Village, Adair Diary, which was recently published.

Though Wanda enjoyed her career, her main focus in life was her boys and their families. Life in Wanda's household was always hectic, first with her boys and their friends, then with their girlfriends and wives, and then with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A couple of beloved dogs, Andy and Scooter, were great companions. Wanda was tested several times over the years by tremendously difficult personal challenges that could have forever dampened her generous spirit. But instead, she faced them with a mixture of compassion, forgiveness, optimism, great humor, and when required, a toughness and resilience that came from a place deep within her soul. Those who loved her knew her to be a great friend and confidant, an unbiased listener who never judged, and a warm and welcoming force to all she encountered. This world is slightly less kind, less hopeful, less tolerant, and certainly less beautiful, without Wanda Tobiassen in it.

Services will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, May 16th, at McHenry Funeral Home located at 206 NW 5th in Corvallis. Remembrances may be posted at [www.demossturidan.com](http://www.demossturidan.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Memorial Park

2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th Street  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall

VT

“ Vickie Tobiassen lit a candle in memory of Wanda June Tobiassen



Vickie Tobiassen - April 02, 2023 at 04:01 AM

VT

“ Sarah and Keala came over to the house on their way home from school today. Keala walked over and whispered in my ear, "I prayed for Tutu at school today". Few hours had passed and Keala goes into her backpack and pulls out a piece of paper. I thought it was homework. She comes and Whispers in my ear again...God has an Angel for you now. Not certain if her exact words, however when she placed the paper in my hands; it was a drawing of and Angel with the words Angel and Grandma. I'm blessed!



Vickie Tobiassen - May 18, 2016 at 03:20 AM

VT

“ Vickie Tobiassen lit a candle in memory of Wanda June Tobiassen



Vickie Tobiassen - May 14, 2016 at 02:20 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Stinson-Ali lit a candle in memory of Wanda June Tobiassen*



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**Brenda Stinson-Ali** - May 13, 2016 at 10:42 PM

CW

“ *Carol "Woodie" Wood lit a candle in memory of Wanda June Tobiassen*



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**Carol "Woodie" Wood** - May 13, 2016 at 08:13 PM

MA

“ Wanda, you will be missed. For all the joy and love you brought into my children's lives, I will be eternally grateful. I could not have imagined a more loving, kinder grandmother for my children, and how dearly they loved you in return. They will carry you with them in their hearts always I know. You were indeed a rare spirit, so compassionate, understanding, supportive, always expressing interest in others. You had a way about you wherein one simply felt they could entrust their deepest feelings and thoughts to you, and indeed we all did. Who else could talk with you for hours until 2 a.m., as you did at the age of 84 no less last fall, as though no time had passed at all? You would blink and it would be 2-3 hrs later... talking with you was always so effortless, you were simply drawn in to this wonderful vortex of caring concern. One felt as though they had a true confidant and supportive friend. I will miss your wit and sense of humor also, always bringing a smile to one's heart. A light has gone out in this world, that is for certain. More than a mother-in-law, you were like a mother to me for much of my life, and for that, I thank you. May the angels carry you on their wings. Rest in peace.



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**Marilyn** - May 13, 2016 at 04:13 PM

SA

“ Sabrina lit a candle in memory of Wanda June Tobiassen



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**Sabrina** - May 13, 2016 at 12:39 PM

SA

*Wanda, I miss you... I admired the great love you had for your family and I want to thank you for bringing my best friend, Lane, into this world. xoxo*

Sabrina - May 13, 2016 at 12:45 PM

SC

“*My husband and I met Wanda several years ago at Izzy's where she often came to have dinner while she was undergoing cancer treatment. We struck up a conversation with her, and she and my husband, who was dealing with pancreatic cancer, shared many discussions over the next year or so as we often saw her there and became "Izzy" friends. I found her to be one of the the strongest, kindest, most engaging individuals I've ever met. In our limited time of knowing her, I quickly came to be concerned for her and so respectful of her strength. She shared with us her life working at Adair and I immediately felt that she must have been a blessing to those she worked with over the years. I feel blessed to have had even such a brief glimpse into her life and found her obituary telling of her family and life adventures a wonderful tribute to a life well lived. My sympathies go out to her family and friends. With sympathy, Sue Cammack Albany, Oregon*

sue cammack - May 13, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ I worked with Wanda, at Adair Village for 10 years, 1989 till 2000 when she retired. She was the best boss I have ever had. She was my best friend. We shared many memories, our families, our children, and grandchildren and ourselves.

One of the first memories was when she would bring Jared out to work, She brought a bean bag chair for him which we placed on one of the tables in our big meeting room, so he could watch our TV. I also brought me two girls (Lisa and Amber) out to Adair when we needed to. My girls thought it was a treat to come with me. They especially liked going to the little store run by Kay, they barely could see over the counter, when I started work in Adair.

Lisa would eventually babysit Jared when she had time off when she was a senior in high school.

Another adventure that Wanda and I had, was when Paul and Vickie transferred back here from Hawaii. When they and their belongings shipped back here, Wanda and I took my Pathfinder and trailer to get them when their belongings arrived. We ended up on a wrong street, so I pulled into a parking lot, assuming it had to entrances, it did not! So I proceeded to try to back up the trailer (I had watched my Dad-who drove a semi and my husband-who also had backed up many trailers). I will tell you watching and doing are two different things. I tried many times, Wanda finally went over to workers, who were spending standing around watching me attempt backing up (I was their lunch time entertainment, they spent a lot of time laughing) one person came to help, He spent time trying to instruct me, to no avail. I finally gave up and let him back up the trailer (he made it look easy). We finally got to our destination, and got help loading up the boxes. We finally made it home. Was quite the introduction.

Another memory we shared was that she had a good time when her and Wilma mailed a blanket back and forth that they used on the train ride when they visited each other.

*Another memory was when Wilma was visiting and they were invited to dinner at their brothers. They were to bring a dish, so they went to Costco and purchased a Lasagna. They transferred it to one of Wanda's bake dish, baked it and took it to dinner. They got a lot of compliments, which they graciously accepted.*

*As we only had 4 people working in Adair, we got to do a lot of hands on work in the city. It was a lot of fun. Never a dull moment.*

*When I started working at Adair, we did out billing by hand. I even took it home a few times to make sure we got it done on time. My husband works with computers. He developed a billing program on the computer, that I used until I left Adair in 2001.*

*We shared a lot of memories, I will miss her greatly.*

*You all have my condolences and prayers. She left a lot of good memories and shared time.*

*Wanda, you will be greatly missed. You left a hole in everyone's heart, but you left a lot of good memories.*

*Love Cindy and Doug Parker, Lisa Sparks and Amber Parker*

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**Cindy Parker** - May 12, 2016 at 11:16 PM

LT

“ 9 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Lane Tobiassen** - May 12, 2016 at 05:27 PM

KS

“ *My heart is broken*

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**Kathy Shuell** - May 12, 2016 at 04:52 PM

WS

“ *Wilma Shuell lit a candle in memory of Wanda June Tobiassen*



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**Wilma Shuell** - May 12, 2016 at 04:47 PM

JS

“ *Jerri Stinson lit a candle in memory of Wanda June Tobiassen*



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**Jerri Stinson** - May 12, 2016 at 12:13 PM

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“ Wanda's service is Monday May 16th at 10am at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, followed by burial at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

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**Laura Young** - May 12, 2016 at 09:14 AM

JK

“ Wanda. You were the best client. Every three weeks on Thursday at 10 am. We always talked about your kids. Especially grand kids. You were always making sure I took the time to take care of me. You had wisdom that helped in so many ways. You had the nicest white hair. I'm am a better person because of you.

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**Jill Kilwien** - May 12, 2016 at 08:24 AM

VT

“ Wanda I don't know what to say. I have so many memories of laughing, crying, disagreeing and the never ending talks we use to share. I love you and will miss you dearly. Thank you for accepting me for who I am. You are the only one I have ever truly trusted. I will always remember you as a good Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grand-Mother I've known. Until we meet again Rest In Peace. Vickie

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**Vickie Tobiassen** - May 10, 2016 at 08:47 PM