



Winifred "Winnie" Coleman

October 17, 1922 - February 1, 2016

Winifred Sharp Coleman passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on February 1, 2016.

Winnie was born Oct 17, 1922 in Springfield, Illinois to Loren Bethel Thompson and Jennie Fern Sharp Thompson. She was the youngest of four children. First born, James Thompson, died in infancy; siblings, Loren Bethel Thompson, and Vaunee Thompson Larson were born soon after. Winnie graduated from Franklin High School in Portland, OR.

Marriage followed in 1941 to Loren C. Coleman at St. Stephens Church in Portland. Winnie and Loren raised five children in Corvallis, OR where Loren's building contracting business flourished.

Winnie entered the work force in 1969 where she found employment at OSU Food Service. After 20 years, she retired in 1990. She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church as well as president and charter member of both "Mary's Peak Orchard Society" and "Corvallis Square Dancers". She was also a charter member of OSU King Road Home Extension. Winnie was a community volunteer and in 2014 was pleased to gain membership in the "General Society of Mayflower Descendants".

Her hobbies included gardening, camping and fishing. She enjoyed traveling and she was an avid reader. Last but not least, Winnie was a passionate shopper! Winnie spend her last 13 years at the Corvallis Caring Place where she was loved and well cared for.

She is survived by daughters, Jennie Coleman Slaughter (Malcolm), Rosalie

Coleman Becker (Lawrence), Kathleen Coleman Acun (Pascal), Juanita Coleman Spilde (Denton); son, Stephen Coleman; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am, Monday, February 8, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th Street, Corvallis, with viewing from 9:00 am until time of service.

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

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Memorial Park

2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 8. 9:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
501 NW 25th Street
Corvallis, OR 97330

Mass of Christian Burial

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Winnie and Loren bought the Tidewater lot in 1975 to build a cabin on the Alsea River.

There are many fond memories of family gatherings, fishing, mini vacations and, of course, work

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Loren and his son-in-laws eager to build from the ground up

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Steve is building from the ground up on the left and Loren is on top

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All those years of disagreement and making up payed off! Love always prevails

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Soon after Loren passed on in 2003, Winnie moved into the Corvallis Caring Place and began a new life for herself. It was a big adjustment for her in the beginning but by accepting it as a new chapter in her life, she made it her new home and lived there for 13 years.

Winnie was an active participant in all of the ongoing activities and she made lots of new friends. She received the best care from the staff and at times was treated as a Queen with all of her wants and needs being met. She was even getting feet massages in the evenings after she was settled in her recliner!

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June 2010 Winnie and her beautiful roses that she grew

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August 2010 Celebrating Kathy's birthday at Izzy's Restaurant

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April 2012

Playing Juno (gambling) at Elmer's Restaurant which was part of the fun celebrating Nita's birthday

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April 2012 Celebrating Nita's Birthday

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2013 Enjoying lunch and being out & about

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Mother's Day 2015

Mom would repeatedly say that she was proud of each of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. All of Mom's hard work as a homemaker and a mother are not overlooked or unappreciated. Her prayers for us were powerful and kept us all save & sound. We've seen Mom become a bold, brave individual and I admired her eagerness to start each new day, being grateful and having the willingness to accept what the day brings without remorse. Mom had always inspired us with her gumption, a trait that Dad also admired in her.

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Feb 8, 2016 Oak Lawn Cemetery

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A photo of Winnie enjoying High Tea.

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Sounds just like Mom!

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“ *Kathy Acun sent a virtual gift in memory of Winifred "Winnie" Coleman*



Kathy Acun - February 29, 2016 at 12:35 PM

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I miss you but I know you are close by whenever I am thinking of you. Sending you everlasting love, Kathy

Kathy Acun - February 29, 2016 at 12:36 PM

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“ *Kathy Acun sent a virtual gift in memory of Winifred "Winnie" Coleman*



Kathy Acun - February 29, 2016 at 12:32 PM

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*Home, Sweet Home
You have been sent free to go back Home. Lovingly, Kathy*

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Shortly after Loren had moved in as a boarder in Winnie Thompson's family home in Lewisburg, Loren's beloved dog died suddenly early in the night after everyone had gone to bed. From a short distance, Winnie witnessed the tears in Loren's eyes and after everyone retired again, Winnie tapped on Loren's adjoining bedroom wall. He tapped back and that was the beginning of their romance.

Kathy Acun - February 29, 2016 at 12:31 PM

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“ Pascal lit a candle in memory of Winifred
"Winnie" Coleman



Pascal - February 26, 2016 at 05:18 PM

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“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pyh0skL-i3U>

Kathy Acun - February 26, 2016 at 01:21 PM

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In memory of Winnie Coleman, Oct 17, 1922 - Feb 1, 2016, sung by Pascal fashioned in a frequency that will reach Winnie in Heaven.

Kathy Acun - February 26, 2016 at 01:24 PM

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“ Dear Nita, Denny, and all,

I was so sorry to hear of Winnie's passing. I had not read a paper for over two weeks and so did not see the notice. I would have liked to have attended her service and am very sorry I was unable to do so. She was such a special lady.

Winnie was a wonderful mom and when I was a kid, I thought of her as a second mom! Loren was like a second dad too! Having spent many a sleep-over at their Ponderosa Ave. home, I'm sure Nita and I drove them crazy with our laughing and giggling all night! However, they never complained and Winnie always had a wonderful breakfast ready for us in the morning. She was a great cook! She also had a wonderful laugh that was very contagious, and she always laughed at our jokes, no matter how corny they were! They both put up with a lot of craziness from we two girls. She was also a good listener and gave me very wise advice on many occasions.

I'm sure Winnie and Loren are happy to be together again, and I have no doubt she makes sure he has something yummy waiting for him when he gets back from coon hunting!

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, and that if there is anything at all I can do, please let me know.

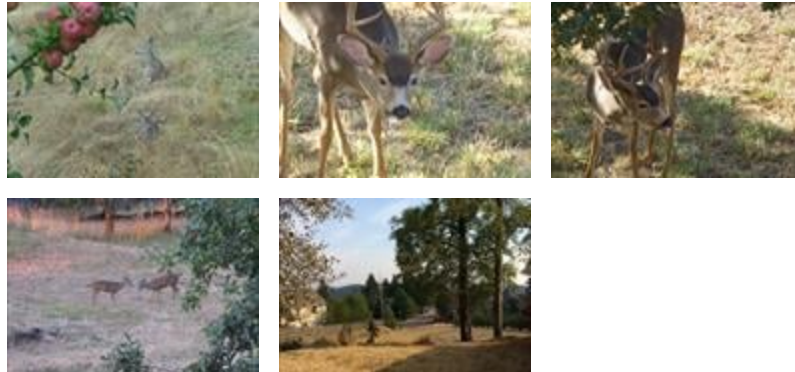
With love and much sorrow,

Julie (Coomes) Torkelson

Julie Coomes Torkelson - February 11, 2016 at 03:32 AM

PH

“ Winnie and the home she made for her family at 5255 NW Ponderosa Avenue here in Corvallis will always have a special place in our hearts. She gave us her blessings when we purchased it from her and made it our family home. One of my fondest memories of Winnie was the look of amazement on her face when we presented her with a large basketful of apples from her apple tree just prior to our first Thanksgiving in our new home. It took a while to convince her they had not come from a shop as the apple tree had never borne fruit for the 50 years she lived here! Together we decided it must be a gift or message from Loren and my mother who had recently passed, as they were both avid gardeners. I am attaching some photos of Winnie's and our home, and the current inhabitants who enjoy the apples every year! We know it pleases Winnie that her home is once again filled with the happy sounds of children and family get-togethers and pets. We will miss you, sweet lady.



Pat Humphreys - February 08, 2016 at 12:50 AM

SC

“ Winnie was one of those people in my life that changed the way I saw things. Life is not static. She shared how she made up her mind to change her life and do things in a way more in keeping with her heart. I saw her struggle with this decision and set a standard of goodness that I will always keep as a light in my own life. She was an incredibly kind and intelligent woman, smart as a whip really. Nothing got past her, yet she kept her good spirits and generous heart open even with those that upset her. I will never forget her, and will always consider that she was an angel that came to me to keep me on the right path in my own life. From Susanna, her massage therapist for a few years at Caring Place

Susanna Cohen - February 07, 2016 at 10:31 PM

TD

“ WINNIE, THE FAMILY MATRIARCH

It was very good fortune for our extended family to have such a great example to follow. Jolly in the time of adversity, not judgmental, forgiving, loving thy neighbor; all of the traits are what we should all pattern our lives after. What a great recipe to hand on!

Having gone through the hardships of the Great Depression as a child, my mother remembered her as a happy, friendly little neighbor in Lewisburg, Ore. When she and Loren were married they started out in poverty, plucking chickens at a poultry farm I believe. No matter the hardships she seemed to keep her friendly, happy ways through out life.

She had plenty of friends! Once she brought home a pigeon from a few miles south of Corvallis. When it escaped she phoned her friends and it was observed during its full route back to where it came from.

Tom Dumble

Tom Dumble - February 07, 2016 at 02:15 PM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - February 03, 2016 at 02:45 PM