



B. Geneva Coker

April 1, 1928 - December 10, 2016

Geneva was born April 1, 1928 in Yale, Oklahoma to Charlie K. and Mary E. Scrivner, the youngest of eight, having seven older brothers.

Her growing up years were spent in various communities in Oklahoma. In 1946, she and her parents moved from Elk City, Oklahoma to Portland, Oregon then soon after to Hillsboro, Oregon. She met her husband Orval Coker the summer of 1947 in Stayton, Oregon where they were both working. They were married December 23, 1947 in Sherman, Texas. They had their first child, Donna Sue Coker, October 30, 1948, who died at birth. Twelve years later they had their second child, Calvin Layne Coker, July 6, 1961, who only lived a few hours.

After losing both children, Geneva went back to school to become a teacher. She earned her B.S. degree from South Western College in Durant, Oklahoma in 1970 and then her Master's Degree in 1975 from South Western Oklahoma State University in Durant.

Geneva began teaching school in Oklahoma in 1970. Then in 1971 she and Orval moved to Eastern Oregon where Geneva began teaching elementary grades at A.C. Houghton School in Irrigon, Oregon. She taught various grades there for seventeen years, retiring in 1988.

Geneva's husband Orval passed away in January 1986. After Orval's passing, Geneva continued living in Hermiston, Oregon attending and working as a Sunday School Teacher in the Hermiston Assembly of God Church. In 2000, Geneva decided to move to western Oregon to be nearer to family. She settled in Newberg, Oregon and began attending River Street Church of God. In December, 2009 she moved to Lafayette, Oregon to live with her niece, Ivalene Hollis, where she has resided until her death due to natural causes, December 10, 2016.

Services for Geneva are being held at the River Street Church of God, Newberg, Oregon, December 19, 2016. Her burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Durant, Oklahoma next to her husband and children on December 27, 2016.

Geneva is survived by many nieces and nephews, who all loved her dearly.

Memorial contributions may be made to River Street Church of God, 715 S. River St., Newberg, OR 97132 - in Geneva's memory.

Events

DEC 16 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

Attrell's Funeral Chapel - Newberg
207 Villa Road, Newberg, OR, US, 97132

DEC 19 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

River Street Church of God
715 S. River St., Newberg, OR, US, 97132

DEC 19 **Visitation** 10:15AM - 10:50AM

River Street Church of God
715 S. River St., Newberg, OR, US, 97132

Comments



“ Just returned from the service for my great Aunt Geneva...it was very nice and well attended by family and friends. We all loved her and will miss her presence at family gatherings. She had visited and spent the night with us fairly recently, along with my Mom, Ivalene Hollis. She was always and forever, a teacher...even with her great, great, grandnieces and grandnephews...she interacted with them, sharing stories and letting them crawl up into her chair with her to read a book or play. Her love of family was only surpassed by her love of the Lord, and I know she is with Him, and that someday I will see her again.

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“ Geneva was a wonderful lady who touched the lives of all with whom she came in contact. She was a fun loving primary teacher and the observance of her April 1 birthday challenged colleagues to top the previous year's April fools joke. Hiding her class on an empty school bus after calling her from the room was the all time favorite. I will always hear her telling me after denying a field trip request, "Mr. Tolar, you've got no heart at all, you've just got a thumpin' gizzard.". She earned the love and respect of all and we will miss her.

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