



Arline Watson

May 23, 1924 - April 3, 2021

Doris Arline Frazier was born in Newberg on May 23, 1924, the daughter of Leroy and Hazel Frazier. Arline lived near Scotts Mills, Oregon, for most of her childhood. She had one brother, Bertram, and the Fraziers were one very dynamic part of a very dynamic and large extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins. In 1940, the Frazier family moved to Swisshome, Oregon, up the Siuslaw River from Florence. Arline attended Cascade College in Portland and graduated from George Fox College in 1950. On July 15, 1949, Arline was united in marriage to Floyd Watson, with whom she spent the next (almost) 70 years until his death in 2019.

Floyd and Arline made their home in Newberg for several years, where their children Lorraine, Ken, and Roger were born. Their youngest, Doug, was born while they lived in the Albina District of North Portland for awhile. Later the Watsons made their home in Tigard, then Eugene, and finally in Newberg at Friendsview Retirement Community.

Arline and Floyd were very active members and faithful attenders of Friends (Quaker) Churches for all of their adult lives when health permitted. Arline often was a Sunday School teacher of young children and at times did office work for the churches. The lives of the Watson family were oriented around church activities to a large degree, and Arline and Floyd always chose to live nearby the church they were part of. Arline believed strongly in the living

Savior, Jesus Christ, and in following the teaching of the Bible to the best of her understanding and with God's gracious help.

Arline worked hard as a stay-at-home mom when her kids were young. Her children all appreciate the attention she gave to their upbringing, especially her willingness to listen when they struggled with growing pains, and to the loving Christian witness and training which she gave constantly to each of them. With family game nights, frequent picnics and camping trips, some longer vacation trips, church events, and many visits to the grandparents, life for the Watsons was full of wholesome fun! As grandchildren were born into the family Arline relished having them come and enjoy her hospitality, whether at home or on some camping trip.

After Floyd retired, Arline joined him in traveling the country in their RV for three delightful years. Later they spent winters in Arizona and California, with Arline often making sure they were home in time for Easter. As life began to slow down, they greatly appreciated their home at Friendsview Retirement Community and many relationships there which dated way back, to their college days and beyond. During her time of declining health and activity she and her family were thankful for the care of Friendsview staff. Arline continued to the last weeks of her life to enjoy visits and the singing of her favorite Christian songs such as "When We All Get to Heaven", savoring her expectations for the life to come.

Arline graduated from this life on April 3, 2021, aged 96 years. By one day she made it "home for Easter" in heaven! She was preceded in death by her husband Floyd, her parents Leroy and Hazel Frazier, her brother Bertram Frazier, and a beloved grandson Jeremi. She is survived by her sister-in-law Eleanore Frazier, her daughter Lorraine, her son Ken (Kathy), her son Roger (Sue), her son Doug (Melonie), six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be given to either Tigard Community Friends Church Benevolent Fund <https://tigardfriends.com> or Daytime Enrichment Activities & Recreation (DEAR) <http://deardayprogram.com>.

Her family will have a private graveside service at the Newberg Friends Cemetery.

Due to COVID-19, we are not not having a public memorial. Memories may be left on this website and will be read by the family.

Cemetery Details

Friends Community Cemetery

500 S. Everest Road
Newberg, OR 97132

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Here's a note I received in the mail from a longtime (since high school) close friend of my mother Arline (I'm withholding the name of this dear person).

*"TO ALL ARLINE'S FAMILY,
MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU IN SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS
OF DEAR ARLINE. TO ME, ARLINE WAS A SPECIAL DEAR
FRIEND (WHICH GREW TO INCLUDE HER FAMILY). ARLINE
WAS A ROLE MODEL AND HER LIFE LIVED IN A JOYFUL,
THANKFUL, FAITH-FILLED SPIRIT WAS INSPIRATIONAL. I AM
GLAD SHE WAS IN MY LIFE."*

Ken Watson - April 23, 2021 at 01:35 PM



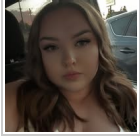
“ had the pleasure of meeting Arline when doing my clinicals at Friendsview. My last day there was March 17th. Arline really won my heart. She could light up a room with her smile. One day, I believe it was Xanie that told me about how she sings "You Are My Sunshine" to Arline, and that sometimes Arline will join in. So, to help relax Arline when we were preparing her for bed, I sang that song to her. And when she joined in "how much I love you", my heart melted. RIP sweet sunshine Arline. ~ Michelle Bryan

Michelle Bryan - April 15, 2021 at 12:01 AM

LW

Thank you for this loving tribute to my Mom! She did have a great smile and she loved to sing. I'm so grateful to those of you from Friendsview who lovingly cared for her in her last season of life. Even in her diminished state, she could still love on us and that is a sweet gift.

Lorraine Watson - April 15, 2021 at 06:54 PM



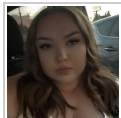
“ I cared for Arline for the last 6 months almost everyday and she always made me smile! I loved seeing her smile and knowing she was happy and healthy. I would always tell her goodnight and that I loved her and she would always say it back! She was such a sweet lady and she will be dearly missed, but I will always have a piece of her in my heart.
-Xanie Feighery

Alexandria Renae - April 09, 2021 at 07:01 PM



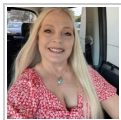
Thank you so much Xanie for your sweet words. Our family is very grateful for all of the Friendsview Health Center staff though because of the pandemic restrictions we didn't get to know most of you very well. When I would visit Mom at the gazebo I would often say a long prayer which was partly for her and family, but also for staff people like yourself who were providing excellent care for her. So beyond the sweet words we thank you for all you did for my mother!

Ken Watson - April 09, 2021 at 08:00 PM



It was such a pleasure to take care of her! I know the pandemic caused a lot of restrictions and it was nice to meet her family when I could!

Alexandria Renae - April 10, 2021 at 02:55 PM



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Michelle Bryan - April 14, 2021 at 11:54 PM

KW

“ My mother was a person who took pleasure in things and people, up to her last days of consciousness in this life. It’s visible in this photo I took of her outside on January 22 of this year. We all need to learn from her to take more real pleasure at more of the simple sweet things and people in our lives.



Ken Watson - April 07, 2021 at 09:24 AM

JL

“ I was a caregiver for miss Arline and my favorite memory of her was a few weeks ago, I was giving her her bedtime medications and I had just finished up so I bent down and told her Goodnight and to sleep good and she goes “I loveeeeeeeeeee youuuuu!!” And it was so precious and I will never forget it. I also loved singing “You are My Sunshine” with her whenever she got anxious. Fly high beautiful angel and say hi to Jesus for me💕💕💕

Jessi Loper - April 06, 2021 at 03:57 PM

LW

Thank you, Jessi, both for this sweet tribute to my Mother and for your loving care of her over the years. I am so grateful!

Lorraine Watson - April 06, 2021 at 11:15 PM

KW

My mom was a person who took pleasure in many things up to her last days of consciousness in this life. What happened on that day you described Jessi was that she was able for a moment to express some of the pleasure that I think she often was given by you and other health center workers. Thank you for the kind words, but also thanks to you and others at the health center for your service to her in these past challenging months. I often prayed for you all. Please share this with the staff if you read it.

Ken Watson - April 07, 2021 at 09:15 AM

PM

Arline and I are "Frazier cousins", and she enjoyed recounting the June 1940 surprise visit from my parents (Lawrence and Lucile McCracken), who were on their honeymoon. Having just moved, I'm sure Arline's mother didn't feel prepared for company, but family is more important than order - any day. I am so glad we are family !

Phyllis McCracken - April 07, 2021 at 01:16 PM

LW

Family is so important! Thanks for sharing this memory, Phyllis.

Lorraine Watson - April 08, 2021 at 12:35 AM

LW

“ 25 files added to the album Arline Watson



Lorraine Watson - April 05, 2021 at 10:57 PM