



Arlis Lea Joyce

January 6, 1931 - November 20, 2022

Arlis Lea (MacKay) Joyce was born in Portland, Oregon on January 6, 1931. After several years of declining health, Arlis passed away early Sunday morning, November 20, 2022 at the age of 91 years at Arbor Oaks Terrace Memory Care in Newberg, Oregon.

Arlis was born to Edwin D. MacKay and Goldene M. (Vickerman) MacKay. Her only sibling Edward, was five years old when she arrived. While growing up in Spokane, Arlis attended Sunday morning fellowship meetings at the home of Pop Turner, and annual church conventions at Hayden Lake and Bonners Ferry. Friendships made there would develop into lifelong "family connections". Arlis made her choice to serve the LORD while she was a teenager and kept true to that choice all her life. After graduating from Lewis & Clark High School in 1949, Arlis started working for a local furniture store. A short time later the owner helped her buy her first car. Arlis would often spend time with her nephew Michael MacKay and twin nieces Krisanne Gray and Sharon Gates who affectionately called her "Auntie R." She met Walter Joyce while he was attending WSU in Pullman, WA.

On Saturday morning, Sept 21, 1957, Arlis and Walter were married at 'The Hitching Post' in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They celebrated 61 years of marriage just before Walter's passing in 2018. They made their first home together in Spokane, WA where they became parents when Bryan was born in 1958 and David, in 1960. In 1961, the family moved to Denver, Colorado, where they made their home for 3 years and Vernon, was born there in 1962. In 1964, the family moved to Utah. They rented a home for a short time in Sandy before buying a home in Salt Lake City. It was here where Gary was born in 1968. In the summer of 1970, the family moved back to Spokane, WA. In 1972, the family moved for the last time to Newberg, Oregon. They bought a home just down the street from their friends, the Plews and the Chapmans. They lived in that same home for 34 years. Every fall, Arlis and her family would gather fruit and vegetables from their garden and enjoy the canned food, grape and apple juice, throughout the rest of the year.

Arlis & Walter felt privileged to host Wednesday bible studies and Sunday morning worship services in their home for many years. Arlis was a loving mother to her boys and

many other children as well, who all enjoyed her bacon pancakes, fresh baked bread and chocolate chip cookies. They became loving grandparents in 1981 and great-grandparents in 2012. After Walter retired in 1988, they made several trips with their trailer, including going to conventions in Washington, Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. In 1991 they also drove the ALCAN highway in Alaska with Robert and Marilyn Joyce.

In 2006 they sold their home on Wynooski Street in Newberg and lived with their son Bryan, also in Newberg, for eight years. In September of 2014 they moved to Brookdale Assisted Living in Newberg, OR, and in 2018 they moved to Arbor Oaks Terrace Memory Care.

Arlis is preceded in death by her husband Walter in 2018, her father in 1983, her mother in 1988 and her brother, Edward MacKay in 1995.

Surviving to honor her life are her sons Bryan of Newberg (children Mari (Brian McDonald), Bradley (Rocio), Bethany (Josh Recaido)), David and wife Diane of Bothell, Washington (children Deanna (Kevin Zimmerman), Darren, Dustin), Vernon, of Miles City, Montana, Gary and wife Brenda of Newberg (children Kendall, Megan, Mackenzie (Eric Sullivan), Abigail), 5 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Click on this link to watch the service online.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4nTIheKHwQ>

Cemetery Details

Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd.
Portland, OR 97086

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 25. 2:30 PM (PT)

Newberg High School Commons (West)
2400 Douglas Ave.
Newberg, OR 97132

Funeral Service

NOV 25. 3:00 PM (PT)

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Graveside Service

NOV 28. 10:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity for caring and loving your mother or grandmother the way I did on her last days she was my all time favorite person I enjoyed her presence just as much as I enjoy you all as a family I was glad I could help in the ways I did when you all needed it in the time of need thank you sincerely her caregiver Amanda long

Amanda Long (Caregiver) - November 25, 2022 at 03:42 AM

VJ

Thanks Amanda for caring for my Mom.



Vernon Joyce - December 09, 2022 at 07:24 PM

 Deanna Bramhall

“ I have very fond memories of Arlis dating back to when I was 11, and my family was living with Grandpa Turner. Arlis and her mother came to his home for Sunday morning meeting. Then, when my girls were teenagers we would travel to Portland for special meetings, and I would see her there. Now, since I have been living in Lynden, I have been close to her sister in laws here, Mary and Janet Joyce. And would get to see Arlis and Walter when they would come to visit them. I always appreciated Arlis sweet smile and spirit. Thinking of the family now, and she has gone onto her reward. A faithful lady. - Dee Bramhall

Deanna Bramhall - November 22, 2022 at 07:14 PM

ME

“  *Sitting Together , thousands of miles separated us yet we shared the privilege of listening to the Truth shared in Gospel Meetings. Precious Moments Creating Priceless Memories Along Life's Journey Ahead Sincere Condolences to Family and Friends as You Travel Through This Valley Of Tears. Sending Much Love  From the edge of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland*

Melissa K. Elley - November 22, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Arlis Lea Joyce.



November 22, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Bryan Joyce - November 22, 2022 at 02:28 PM

DD

I treasure my memories of Walter and Arlis - their love and service was an inspiration to me. Reading the obituary revives the memory of two young ladies attending Bonners Convention - my mother Doris Madson Dutton and Arlis. I am so thankful for the generations and united hearts because of God's perfect work. This work in Arlis' life is our comfort today. I would love to be at the service - my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love and sympathy - Dorene Dutton

Dorene Dutton - November 22, 2022 at 06:07 PM

KM

My first "pandemic window visits" were with Arlis. We were talking about how difficult it was to not be able to come in and visit, and she assured us that yes, it was a difficult time, but then we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, and this will too.

She was a joy to visit. That beautiful smile and joyous spirit were so uplifting!! Warm thoughts and care to all the family. Kathy McLin

Kathy McLin - November 22, 2022 at 11:47 PM

JR

Walter and Arlis welcomed us to Newberg in 1979, were like parents to us and grandparents to our kids. We loved going to their home for meeting, accepting mounds of huge zucchini every summer from their garden, and delighting in Arlis tender care for ALL her many friends. I will always remember her very kind, warm spirit toward all of us. Such a loving, compassionate woman --a true example for all of we younger ladies. Miss her--but so glad she is home.

Judy Robinson - November 23, 2022 at 12:02 AM

TS

Arlis loved the Gospel and she shared her warm love for us in the ministry of this Gospel. I always appreciated her caring heart. Wish I could be there today, but I surely am in thought.

TERESA SULLIVAN - November 25, 2022 at 12:53 PM



I have wonderful memories of my Auntie Arlis. From when I was such a young girl to graduating and taking the train alot to Oregon with Grandma Joyce to taking my Mom down to visit just a few years ago. I am so happy and thankful I was able to hug and kiss her two weeks ago and tell her I love her over and over. I will miss you! Your niece, Sundee.

Sundee Young - November 26, 2022 at 03:20 PM