



## 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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel  
207 N Villa Rd  
Newberg, OR 97132  
(503) 538-2191  
info@attrells.com  
<https://www.attrells.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

## Visitation

DEC 19. 10:15 AM - 10:50 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ I am so sad to hear about the loss. I am a former student of Mrs. Coker in the first or second grade I about 1981 or 82. She was so nice, helpful yet strict and fair. I respected her so much and she will always be in my heart as I just wanted to know where she was so I looked her up. Mr. Tollar has also passed since his post I just read, and yes he was actually quite a strict Principle. I remember her husband would visit our class and just observe us and I always thought he had a kind manner about him but sad. Now I have read they lost their children and I kind of understand why he looked at us and observed maybe thinking of his late children. I have never forgotten them. When he would leave I would watch him walk through the playground and wonder what his days were like. To her family, I am a better person having known Geneva, I did not know her first name.

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**Mario Garcia** - September 24, 2024 at 05:16 PM

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“ 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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**Dawnita May** - December 19, 2016 at 06:24 PM

MT

“ 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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**Mick Tolar** - December 17, 2016 at 10:02 AM



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**Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel - December 16, 2016 at 06:31 PM**