



## Deborah Kellam Reid

September 13, 1929 - April 20, 2021

### Gone Fishing! – Deborah Kellam Reid

Deborah Kellam Reid was born on September 13, 1929 in New Town Pennsylvania, and died peacefully on April 20, 2021 in Newberg, Oregon. She was 91 years old.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Bill McRae of McMinnville, Oregon, and her second husband Glenn Everett Reid of Newberg, Oregon. She is survived by her son James McRae of Portland, Oregon. Jim recalls that during his youth, Debbie was the closest thing to a mom for many of his friends. She always went the extra mile for them, helping them out however they needed. An important lesson he remembers learning from Debbie was to always keep yourself clean, and use good manners. Something she modeled for him as his mother and during her career as a caregiver in various fields. Throughout her life, she worked as an educational assistant, property manager, janitorial services and as a caregiver in both nursing homes and in the private sector. In all these duties and opportunities, Debbie cared for those she helped.

Debbie attended Joyful Servant Lutheran Church in Newberg, Oregon where she loved volunteering for Vacation Bible School, attending bible study, going on church campouts, and of course helping to keep the building clean!

When she wasn't working, or helping out at church, you could find Debbie in the place she loved the most – God's sanctuary in nature. Debbie was an

outdoors woman through and through. She loved going on Volks Walks, hiking, camping and fishing. Some of her favorite places were Champoeg Park, Boulder Pond, and Maggie Lake.

Debbie will be cremated, and honored in a private ceremony with her son Jim, at one of her favorite spots.

Rest in peace Debbie, and enjoy fishing in your new forever home!

Please leave a message of condolence.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie was one of my most favorite humans. I met her at the Senior Center in Newberg as a volunteer. She took me to a couple of fishing events to help teach kiddos to fish. I'm sad that she won't be able to teach my kiddo the tricks of the trade. I just am now finding out about her passing through this, being busy with a baby makes time fly. I hope that her and my mom are making fun of me every time my kid pulls a fast one on me, as well as the next time I snag my line, I'll hear her laugh in the back of my head.* ”

Kari - August 03, 2021 at 07:33 PM

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“ *I work with Deborah she was fun .she love fishing .an she took time to come see me at my home when I was sick I will miss her* ”



Linda - May 25, 2021 at 01:08 AM

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“ *I knew Debbie years ago and I am so sad to hear of her passing. She had such a love of adventure and the outdoors. And she sure loved her son Jim. I am thankful for the time I spent with her.* ”



*Jim, please know that you are in my thoughts.*

Angie - May 20, 2021 at 11:21 PM