



Ethel Mae Howard

September 23, 1937 - December 25, 2019

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Ethel Mae Howard, our loving mother on December 25, 2019.

She left us while sleeping peacefully at her residence in Newberg, Oregon after a long battle with cancer. She was in her 82nd year.

Born in Crawfordsville Indiana, September 23 1937, she went on to graduate as an R.N. in 1958 from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Indianapolis. She was by all accounts an excellent nurse until back surgery forced her into a different career path as a medical records professional at which she also excelled.

Ethel was an avid reader, was highly skilled with knitting needles, crochet hooks, and sewing in general. She also enjoyed gardening. Her faith was very strong and very important in her life and it provided great comfort to her in her last days. She will be greatly missed by her friends and her family from her church.

She is survived by her daughter Debra Gordon and her husband Kelly Gordon. Her sons, Michael Riggan and his wife Karen Riggan, John Riggan and his wife Chris Riggan, her six grandchildren and one great grandchild. She is also survived by her sisters Dorothy Stadler and her husband Ivan of

Harrisonburg, Virginia and Fairy Chism of Crawfordsville, Indiana and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Ethel's life will be held at Newberg Seventh-day Adventist Church, 530 E Edgewood Dr, Newberg, OR on Sunday, January 5th, 2020 beginning at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers or other kindly acts, please send donations to Providence Hospital Hospice or to the Newberg Seventh Day Adventist Church Fund.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 5. 2:30 PM (PT)

Seventh Day Adventist Church
530 E Edgewood Dr
Newberg, OR 97132

Tribute Wall

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“ I came to know Edy through my favorite cousin, Donna Stuart Maher. Edy became an 'adopted' part of our extended family for many many years. She was a quiet, steady, helpful, loving and caring person who gave of herself and was ready for adventure. During her Newberg years I enjoyed keeping in touch with her through her faithful letter writing. I'm saddened to hear of her passing and will miss Edy and her letters. It was a privilege to call her a family member. I'm sending my condolences to her family as you adjust to life without her. May your good memories help to sustain you in your time of loss.

Kathy Coffin Phillips Marshall, Tucson, AZ

Kathy Marshall - March 23, 2020 at 09:12 PM

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“ Edy was my mom's best friend. She was a part of our family ever since we lived in Seaside, Oregon. my mom and Edy became best friends. We spent alot of time together with the Miller family and the Velez family, walking on the beach, going to church and having dinners together. Edy helped take care of my grandparents when they needed extra care. She was always patient and kind. She always had a book in her hand. My favorite memory of Edy is when she and my mom took us kids and went on a road trip, in a camper, to Peace River, Canada. (early '70's) They hosted a number of vegetarian cooking classes for churches along the way. That was quite an adventure! She was part of our family and I will miss her. I know i will see her again.

*Traci Maher Prewitt - Donna Maher's Daughter
Annandale, MN*

Traci A Prewitt - March 23, 2020 at 08:22 PM

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“ *Ethel Mae was a wonderful sister, my best friend and a true Christian who lived up to that every day of her life. She will be sadly missed forever. Fairy Chism, Crawfordsville, Indiana*

Fairy Chism - December 30, 2019 at 11:29 AM

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Aunt Edie was so wonderful! I remember when I was a young child that she showed me how to knit. Because of her, I knitted for many years. I knew she had crocheted so I made it a goal to learn how myself. She was so loving and kind, always thinking of others before herself. I will miss her, but I know she is in heaven with Jesus!

Marcie Sands - December 31, 2019 at 05:47 AM