



## Fern Lucile Roberts

December 17, 1920 - December 20, 2020

Fern Roberts, a long time resident of Newberg, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2020 after reaching her 100th birthday. Fern was born to Guy Lloyd and Mae Nixon in Redondo Beach, CA, on December 17, 1920. Her sister Viola Dean (Nixon) Barkman was born a few years later. Fern graduated from Newberg High School, then attended Pacific College (now George Fox University) where she met her husband, Arthur Owen Roberts. They were married on November 7, 1942, and remained devoted to each other for 74 years. After graduating from Pacific College in 1942, she began her career as an elementary teacher in Dundee, OR. She put her career on hold, while her husband earned his PhD at Boston College. Upon returning to Newberg, Fern continued her career as a teacher at Boise Elementary School in Portland, OR, where she retired in 1988.

Fern Roberts was a special person. She was special in the way she was able to encourage and support others to achieve their best. This was true of the children in her classrooms, her community at George Fox University, her church communities at Newberg Friends, North Valley Friends, Yachats Presbyterian and community, and her family. Her nurturing nature, and her loyalty to friends and family never wavered. Fern was steadfast and true. Everyone in her orbit was a better person because of the energy and love she freely shared and this is her legacy.

Fern had three children Lloyd Roberts, Trish Nielsen and Teri Rogers. Grandchildren include Robin Shepard, Heidi Rogers, John David Rogers, April Crompton, Laura Armstrong, Seth Roberts, Sarah Wayne. Fern had nine great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service for Fern Roberts will be held at North Valley Friends Church, 4020 N College St., Newberg, Oregon 97132, on June 26, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Following will be a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Arthur and Fern Roberts Scholarship Fund, GFU, 414 N Meridian St. #6256, Newberg, OR 97132, or online at [www.georgefox.edu/giving](http://www.georgefox.edu/giving)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

North Valley Friends Church  
4020 N. College St.  
Newberg, OR 97132

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the privilege of working with Fern my first three years at Boise Elementary. Fern was a wonderful model for me. She was a feisty teacher who loved her students. Mrs. Roberts was not one to fool around and her students were always on task. I visited Fern when she moved to Yachats and we would reminisce about our years at Boise.

Gayle Quigley - January 18, 2021 at 11:19 AM

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She indeed loved her students. As her daughter we would often hear about their accomplishments at the dinner table. My sister and I always looked forward to the days that we could go to school with our mother and be "Teacher Aides".

Teri Roberts Rogers - February 13, 2021 at 11:30 AM

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Growing up in one of the "other" Roberts families with Quaker roots, Fern and Arthur were important people in our lives. Dad (Wayne) had fond memories of Arthur as a young man. They double dated (Arthur already seeing Fern; Wayne seeing another young woman) and worked together one summer in Oregon. Several years later, when Wayne was married in Iowa, Arthur was providential living close enough to be a groomsman. Fern may have been mentioned most often when we used her chocolate cookie recipe. They were even more irresistible when we frosted them, as the recipe suggested. As I look at old pictures of her in Wayne's memorabilia, I also think of her as a strong, steady mature woman who loved her family and friends well. The last time I saw her, several years ago, she was reminiscing with a woman who lived in Fern and Arthur's home as a student, many years ago. I'm not sure Fern would have remembered me, but it was a joy to see her warm interaction with someone she had known well. My thought and prayers are with you, Lloyd, Trish and Teri, and with your families.

Andrea Roberts Herling

Andrea Herling - June 28, 2021 at 03:26 PM