



Helen Margaret Douthit

April 1, 1917 - October 18, 2015

Helen's Obituary

Helen Margaret (Schick) Douthit, Born April 1st, 1917 in Newberg, died October 18th, 2015 in a foster home in Hillsboro, OR. Helen was born at home and grew up in Newberg, in the Fernwood area. In the family of five she was the middle child. She was born to Fred Schick and Irene (Lefavre) Schick. On December 31st, 1936 Helen married Harley Douthit and became an instant mother of an eight year old and a six year old sons; Ralph and Jerry. In 1940 her daughter Janice was born. Between 1936 and 1947 Harley did a lot of different jobs to make a living and Helen was the homemaker and helped Harley as she could. In 1947 Helen and family moved to and farmed a place on Ribbon Ridge northwest of Newberg. In 1958 they moved to the "Duration Farm" on the Newberg-Wilsonville Highway and they farmed that property. Helen and Harley really liked horses and did trail rides, rode in parades, and also participated in a horse-riding club that performed precision riding drills. Other interests included traveling with their RV trailer and enjoyed camping and fishing. Her husband died in 1992 and in 1997 she sold her home and moved into an apartment within walking distance of her sister, Rosy. They spent time together almost daily for years. After the death of her sister, she moved into Aster House Retirement Home in Newberg. Her daughter, Janice, wanted Helen to move closer so she could help care for Helen and be with her more; so Helen moved to Rosewood Retirement Home less than a mile from Janice's home in Hillsboro. After a couple of years, with declining

health she moved into a foster home where she could get even more personal care. Timeless Adult Care did a wonderful job of caring and loving her to the end.

Helen was preceded in death by her father, mother, husband, sons Ralph and Jerry, her sisters Rose, Louise, and her brother Ernest. Her surviving family includes her daughter Janice Sminia and son-in-law Tom, seven grandchildren, 11-great grandchildren, and numerous great-great-grandchildren. Also, brother Harry Schick of Newport, and many nieces and nephews.

Helen has always had a big smile on her face and a loving heart toward people, especially family. Helen was only five feet tall, lived 98-years, six months, and 17days. She was able to enjoy four new generations of her family, and we all have enjoyed being with her with her big smile and warm affectionate heart. She was always so affectionate and loving of family and friends all her life.

The memorial service will be at the Newberg Christian Church, 2315 Villa Road, Newberg, OR 97132, on Tuesday October 27th, 2015 at 1:00 pm. If you wish please make memorial donations for Helen to the Newberg Christian Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Northwest Christian Church
2315 Villa Rd
Newberg, OR 97132
(503) 538-3104

Tribute Wall



“ *My heart goes out to you all and may you find comfort, peace and strength in the loving presence of our beloved Savior as you walk the days forward.*
LaVonne



LaVonne Dugan - October 26, 2015 at 05:23 PM



“ *Helen spelled her middle name the same as her infant daughter, Margret and she pointed that out to more than once, so.....anyway, Helen gave me an interview upon entering the nomination for placing Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery in Newberg on the National Register of Historic Places. She noted that all of Fernwood gathered regularly at Willie and Annie Parrish's home--neighbors--for many social events and especially Helen loved Annie's sugar cookies..... a very wonderful lady and a little zip too.*
Love to all of you and thank you for Helen being a part of my life.
Ron Parrish

It also doesn't mention that Helen was laid to rest in the Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery.
next to Harley and their daughter, Margret Irene Douthit.

Ronald W. Parrish - October 25, 2015 at 08:57 PM