



Helen Faye Miller

October 20, 1928 - August 29, 2010

Helen Faye Miller Helen Faye Cloepfil was born to Donald and Lola Cloepfil, in Hunter , Kansas on Oct. 20, 1928. Helen had many fond memories of her childhood growing up in the Sun Flower state, with her 3 younger sisters and 4 brothers. Life around the Cloepfil residence and Hunter, Kansas was never dull. When Helen was 12, The Great Depression and the Dust Bowl of middle America prompted the family to head west to Boise, Id. The Helen and the other Cloepfil's were joined by a 5th daughter. One more move brought the growing family to Newberg, OR where a 5th brother rounded out this robust and active family to 12. Helen loved to share her many fun stories of becoming a young woman in Newberg and all the boyfriends she had. On July 18, 1948, Helen married Virgil Miller and began the final and most important phase of her life. They had a son, Rick born in 1950 and a daughter, Rene', born in 1953. Helen was a tireless wife, homemaker, worker and mother. These aspects of her life would from here on out be her main focus. Helen was most proud of her home and family, and would love to show them off to anyone that came close by. Helen set the bar high for anyone that chose to participate willingly or not in one of her passions. Helen and Virgil began a family tradition of camping in the early 1960's that evolved from a considered tent initially to an immaculate and luxurious motor home in the 1990's. During this early phase of camping, Helen and Virgil began riding motorcycles, and this past time became a passion with them. Eventually they both owned and rode Honda Goldwing 1000 motorcylces, taking them on numerous cross

country trips. Many a time, their son or daughter would end a conversation with a reminder to call them when they arrived at their destination safely. After retiring, Helen and Virgil moved to the Grants Pass area and created a beautiful 2 acre oasis near the Rogue River. This became a favorite summertime vacation spot for their children and grandchildren. When Virgil's health became more fragile, they returned to the Salem area to be closer to their family. Helen was living in a beautiful retirement facility in Medford, OR for the last year, until recent health issues finally slowed the never ending dynamo down. She passed away On Aug 29 in Meford, OR, after having the opportunity of seeing all her family, including a visit from her oldest grandson and his wife, from Brazil. Helen is survived by her son Rick Miller, 3 grandsons, daughter Rene' Sjothun and son-in-law Brian Sjothun, 2 granddaughters and 2 great grandchildren. Helen's feisty manner, and strong personality will be missed by all that knew her. Remembrances can be sent to the Humane Society or the Cancer Society. A private committal will be held at Valley View Memorial Park in Newberg. Arrangements are in the care of Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, a Golden Rule Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.attrells.com

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“ I met Helen in 1973 and was immediately charmed by her beauty, warmth and that "kicky" sense of humor. Helen always made me feel welcome and we always laughed together. You are so missed and lovingly remembered at the Cloepfil Thanksgiving dinners. My love and best to Rick and Renee.

Marlane Lindi-Cloepfil - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm trust that you know Helen's brothers and sisters are wishing you all peace and comfort. I will forever think of my sister when I see and hear birds, view a lovely garden, and now, cats. I will remember how she loved a good laugh and and planed a surprise laugh to pass on to a friend or her family. There is a hole in my heart. I can quietly say goodbye now, and look forward to holding her (and my family who are there with her) in my arms again. Thank you for helping her to prepare to move on.

A.Cora - September 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will always remember Helen with great fondness. Hugs all around..... Rob

Rob Burgess - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM