



LaVina Susie Stram

October 6, 1929 - October 26, 2015

Obituary for Lavina S. Stram

LaVina Susie Guenther Stram left this world and headed for her eternal home on Monday, October 26, 2015. She was 86. She was born at home in Delft, Minnesota near the town of Windom on October 6, 1929 to John Cornelius Guenther and Susie Agnes Goertzen Guenther.

LaVina graduated from Salem Academy in 1947. She studied nursing at Emmanuel Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1951. Later that same year she passed the Oregon State Board examinations and became a Registered Nurse.

On December 28, 1953 LaVina married Donald E. Stram in Salem. Into their union were born five children: Jonathon Mark, LaDona Susan, Ramona Kay, David Eugene, and Thomas Donald. LaVina and Don were married for forty years; Don died in 1994. Don's work as a Pastor took the Stram family from South Dakota to Oklahoma to Oregon, then to Idaho, California and New Mexico, before the family settled in Newberg, where LaVina continued until her death. LaVina's passion for nursing supplied her with steady work every time the family moved.

Since 1972 LaVina has lived in Newberg. In 1972 she was hired as a staff nurse at Friendsview Manor. From 1979 to 1996 she served as Director of Nursing Services; she became the Director of Staff Development from 1996 until her retirement in 2005. Throughout these years she was an enthusiastic worker at Newberg Christian Church. She directed the children's ministries in

earlier years, led Bible studies in her home following the death of her husband, and was instrumental in establishing the Stephen Ministries at the church. LaVina loved nursing, encouraging and mentoring people, studying and teaching God's Word, singing Hymns, and above all she loved her family. She served her parents, adored her three older brothers, cared deeply for her husband, mothered her children and doted on her grandchildren.

LaVina is survived by her brother, Donald Guenther of Salem; children Jon of Harrisburg, LaDona Hughes of Canby, David of Creswell, Ramona Gillett of Snohomish, WA; Tom of Newberg; twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 1, at the Newberg Christian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel
207 N Villa Rd
Newberg, OR 97132
(503) 538-2191
info@attrells.com
<https://www.attrells.com>

Visitation

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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Memorial Service

NOV **1**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ She will be missed ,we had many special times together,my prayers for the family during this time

Nancy March - November 01, 2015 at 12:46 AM

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“ I remember how LaVina and Don welcomed the staff into their home for a Christmas Celebration. How when we were short staffed , she would put on her RN jacket and come ask the CNAs what we wanted her to do to help us. When in her office , a commotion in the hall would bring her out to watch a bowling game or see who was racing wheelchairs. When times were emotional and stressful, LaVina would always have a prayer with us. Taught all of her " girls " to care for our residents and their families and friends. She was always caring to us and our families. My daughter , Heather was 8 years old when she met LaVina . LaVina was always loving and caring to all children. I so loved being able to care for her , when it was time for her to need help. I and many will miss her .

Clara Hamilton - October 30, 2015 at 06:04 PM