



## Reata Arlene Horney

May 5, 1927 - February 6, 2019

Reata Arlene Horney died February 6, 2019 at the age of 91. Memorial services will be held February 22, 2019 at 11:00 am at Attrell's Funeral Chapel in Newberg Oregon.

Reata was born May 5, 1927 in Fruitland, Idaho and moved with her family to Portland, Oregon when she was 13. Her mother, Bernice (Peck) Miles, had been born to homesteaders in Culver, Oregon and while visiting relatives there, Reata met her husband Erwin. They married January 20, 1946 and raised their two daughters, Jackie and Judy, on Erwin's family homestead.

In the 1960's, Reata and Erwin started Circle H Youth Ranch and took in almost 40 foster children over the following two decades. They helped to bring Youth for Christ from Portland to the Madras area. Reata helped to start the Madras Day Care which became the Children's Learning Center. They were members of the Oregon Association of Juvenile Judges and did volunteer probation and parole work. In 1991 Reata was presented with the Oregon Association of American Mothers Bertha Holt Award.

Reata was a member of the Madras Conservative Baptist Church, the Jefferson County Historical Society and a charter member of the Culver Garden Club. She was known for her green thumb, and enjoyed oil painting, miniature doll houses and the compiling of her family's history and old family

photos.

Survivors include her daughter, Jackie Finley of Culver; foster sons, Larry Neidigh of Florida and Alan Miller of Madras; granddaughter, Connie Gregor of Dundee and two great grandchildren, Rebecca and Ben Gregor and four foster grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband Erwin, her daughter Judy, and foster sons Dennis Miller and Kent Bauer.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ I knew her as Aunty Reate, I remember staying with her & Uncle Erwin for a week or 2 one summer, I think it was 1960, her younger brother Don, was my stepdad. I remember her cooking & warm heart & I believe she got that from her mom. The whole family never treated my brother & I any differently than their biological family & I dearly love them for that. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

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**Susan Dooley** - February 05, 2024 at 07:00 AM

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“ Reata had a profound impact on my life as a teenager. Her godly example, and warm and welcoming heart and home were always open. I loved to be around her because her passion for the Lord was infectious. She was a wonderful mentor to me in those early years. It was in 1969 -72. I remember her legendary Halloween parties in the Circle H barn loft, and especially the Bible studies in her home. She was a selfless servant of God. I traveled with her many times when she spoke to Women's groups and she would ask me to give testimony of God's goodness. She even made my wedding cake. I have thought of her often over the years in my roll as a Pastor's wife and have tried to emulate her in hospitality. Heaven has gained such a treasure and now she is reunited with Erwin and Judy. Precious family I am so sorry for your loss, I dearly loved Reata. Grace and Peace, Debi Ward Michel

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**Debi Michel** - February 23, 2019 at 01:56 AM

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“ Our condolences and prayers for you as a family. In 1970, I first stayed at Circle H as a summer missionary with the NWBC revival teams. The summer of 1971 I served at FBC Madras and lived there. It was through the help and influence of Reata and Erwin (and help from other family members) that I transferred to George Fox and finished my Bachelors in Music. On weekends I would travel back there and work with the Madras youth. Later my youth choirs from Columbia Heights and Robert Gray Baptist (Longview) went to the Ranch and stayed while on tour. My older children called them Gramma Reata and Poppa Erwin. They came to my college voice recital, graduation and our wedding. With my family so far away they were like family to me. She fought the fight, she finished the race and now is enjoying her crowns.

Our Love,  
John and Sue Booth

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**John Booth** - February 18, 2019 at 12:33 PM