



Therese Corinne Morse

October 9, 1931 - November 2, 2023

No obituary found for this tribute.

Cemetery Details

Newberg Friends Cemetery

500 S. Everest Road
Newberg, OR 97132

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
20217 Christie St.
St. Paul, OR 97137

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Therese (Mom) in 1968 when she married my father Earl, a widower with four children, and joined the McLoughlin family. At their wedding reception on June 28th, I was told there were a few strange looks when I was asked by onlookers, who got married? I said my parents.

Therese was born to Ken and Corrine Dolan on October 9, 1931 in Troy, NY. She spent her early years living on military bases around the U.S. while her father served in the Army. After World War II, Therese and her family returned to the Capital District area in New York state. Therese graduated from Saint Rose in Albany, NY and began her education career as a kindergarten teacher at Draper Elementary School in Rotterdam, NY.

When Therese's biological son, Kenneth was born in 1969 with Down syndrome, the entire family surrounded him with love and helped Therese with his care. Kenneth grew up to be a happy-go-lucky man, undoubtedly due to the unconditionally love he received from us all.

After 30 years working in the education field as a classroom teacher and an administrator, Therese retired to Arizona. She, Earl and Kenneth trekked across the country in a RV to start a new beginning in Prescott, AZ. Quickly, Therese discovered more needed to be done to support individuals with disabilities in the state. Her advocacy for Kenneth led to the formation of a non-profit named "Forward Challenge." She left a mark in the Prescott community to ensure all individuals with disabilities were treated with dignity and respect. When she wasn't engaged in her advocacy work, she and Earl would travel around the western states and into Mexico and Canada.

As she was in her twilight years, Therese decided in 2011 it was best for her, Earl and Kenneth to move to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to family. They settled in Newberg, OR. She remained in Newberg until her passing. Rest in peace Therese. You are now

beside your father and mother.

*Lovingly,
Karen McLoughlin Spies*

Karen Spies - November 26, 2023 at 01:02 PM