



Vivian Thornburg

June 9, 1922 - September 10, 2021

Florence Vivian Thornburg passed away September 10, 2021, at the age of 99. She was born June 9, 1922, to William Lewis Hickman and Florence Thersey (Kerley) Hickman in Las Animas, Colorado. Vivian met her future husband, Hubert Thornburg at Friends Bible College (now Barclay College) in Haviland, Kansas, and they were married in 1941.

Hubert joined the Coast Guard which led to various moves, followed by pastoral ministry in Kansas. In 1948 they moved to Newberg, Oregon where Hubert attended Pacific College (now George Fox University.)

In 1953, Vivian began a 22-year career teaching private kindergarten in Newberg. Around 1967, along with her sister, Leta Hickman and niece, Bonnie Jacks, Vivian opened The Sweetheart Shop, a bridal boutique in Newberg. Both Hubert and Vivian were recorded ministers in the Friends Church and shared pastoral duties for ten years at South Salem Friends church before moving back to Newberg in 1988. A beloved teacher, minister, mentor, friend, advisor, and prayer warrior, Vivian held many leadership roles in Newberg Friends Church and in Northwest Yearly Meeting.

Vivian was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert, and son, Stanley. She is survived and treasured by her daughter Karen (Roy) McConaughey, son Kent (Jeanie) Thornburg, daughter Clea (Gordon) Crisman, daughter-in-law Cathy Thornburg (Stanley), 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A private, family-only memorial service will be held December 11th, 10:30 am at Newberg Friends Church. It will be live-streamed and also available later on the church website.

Donations in her honor may be made to the Thornburg Endowment Fund, c/o Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, Newberg, Oregon. Memories and condolences may be shared at Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel: <https://www.attrells.com/obituaries/Florence-Thornburg/>, or emailed directly to her family at: vivianthornburgfamily@gmail.com.

Cemetery Details

Newberg Friends Cemetery

500 S. Everest Road
Newberg, OR 97132

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Vivian always held a special place in my heart. She was such a fun loving person and also a very Godly woman. She always had time to listen and laugh or cry with me as appropriate. What a legacy she left, one that continues to inspire me. I love her dearly and will miss her cherry voice. Lovingly, Connie Young

Connie Young - December 08, 2021 at 02:18 PM

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“ What a special precious auntie! Loved her sense of humor, her laugh and most of all her witness and love of Jesus. Love you Aunt Vivian
Kathy Davidson

Kathy Davidson - December 04, 2021 at 07:32 AM

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“ LindaGrow lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thornburg



LindaGrow - September 13, 2021 at 04:46 PM