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Wilma Ilene Koontz was born in Baker City, Oregon on February 27, 1926 to William Asa and Rebecca Ruth Koontz. She was the middle child of seven brothers and sisters all of which have preceded her in death. She grew up on a cattle ranch and attended school grades K-12 in Hereford, Oregon.

After High School Wilma came to Newberg to attend George Fox College. While working at the bus depot and cafe, she met the love of her life, Merton G. Loeks. They married on her birthday, February 27, 1947 and later went on to have three daughters, Karlyn, Connie, and Kathy.

Wilma and her husband Mert did everything together. They were very active in the Newberg/Dundee community. They were involved in a dance club, playing bridge, and traveling the world with friends. Wilma was such an avid Bridge Player that she played in a local women's group until just a few years ago and was also a member of the Newberg PEO Chapter with many of the same women. She worked in the Newberg Community for 20 years at Dents Stationery. Wilma and Mert thoroughly enjoyed time spent at their second home in Arizona during the long months of winter.

Family brought Wilma incredible joy. When she wasn't having family over for

dinner, she was babysitting grandchildren and great grandchildren. Wilma attended as many school functions and sporting events of her grandkids and great grandkids whenever possible, she loved cheering and visiting in the stands.

Wilma passed away at the age of 97 years old at The Ackerly in Sherwood Memory Care. She was surrounded by precious family in her final days. Grandma GG, Grandma, Mom, and dear friend will be missed by many and cherished forever.

Wilma Ilene Loeks leaves behind her three daughters and their spouses, Karlyn (Bruce) Trout, Connie (Larry) Martincek, and Kathy (Dean) Morrow, 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the American Heart Association and Newberg Hospital Auxiliary.

A Memorial Gathering will be scheduled for a later date and shared in the Newberg Graphic at that time.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

24235 NE Dayton Avenue
Newberg, OR 97132

Tribute Wall

LB

“ I am so sorry I was not aware of Mrs. Loeks (to me) has gone to join our Lord. I was talking with Cheryl (Sprecher) Roberts and we were reminiscing about our childhood and spending time at your house. Growing up in Newberg creates a special bond. Going downtown and seeing our parents working, we just are a part of each other. My Mom passed last April, they worked across the street from each other and would see both when spending time. Thank you for being a family I can remember with love.

Libbie Bailey - November 28, 2023 at 11:41 AM

JL

“ I had the privilege of knowing Wilma in her later years while she lived in Opal. She was a firecracker on the outside and yet so loving on the inside. I loved bringing her to my office to sit with me when she had her hard times and bringing her special hot chocolate to cheer her up. I loved every minute I spent with her and am so grateful to have been able to help her through some of her hardest times mentally. We would talk about George Fox a lot since we both went there and reminisced about the good times with her sweet girls. I loved all 3 of her daughters and I really do think of you guys often. I'm so sorry for your loss, but am so happy she's up in Heaven with Mert. We all know how much she missed him. ❤️



Jessi Loper - November 07, 2023 at 08:24 PM

KM

Thank you so much for your wonderful, kind words. I know she loved you, Jessie as well as all of us. We were so thankful you were there with her as long as you were. Be well my friend..

Kathy Morrow - November 10, 2023 at 03:36 PM

KT

We speak of you often Jessie and what a God send you were to our mom. All of us have missed you and your kindness. Thank you.

Karlyn L. Trout - November 10, 2023 at 03:44 PM