



Rita Workman

October 14, 1935 - May 18, 2020

Rita Lorraine Sabin Workman, our happy, loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away from natural causes on Monday, May 18, 2020 in her home at Lindon, Utah.

Rita was born October 14, 1935 in Heyburn, Idaho to Arthur A. Sabin and Verna Scott. Her 84 years began with fun, laughter and hard work along with her 3 older siblings on the farm. She was born with a gift for words... chatting away alongside her dad as he farmed. She attended 9 different schools in 12 years and, with her outgoing disposition, she managed to be in the center of all activities.

Her favorite story to tell was how she fell in love with her husband, Wayne, when she was 12 years old and chased him until he married her. They married in 1955 and moved to Cottage Grove, Oregon where they raised 5 children. Rita was an excellent homemaker, bread-maker and bookkeeper as they bought and renovated rental homes and owned and managed an adult foster home for Disabled Veterans. This was all done with the goal of teaching the kids how to work hard.

She was in her element while serving and ministering in various ways within the church. As a couple she & Wayne enjoyed serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - for 7 years - in the University of Oregon Singles Ward. After 50 years of marriage they moved to Albany, Oregon to be closer to their boys. In 2015 Wayne and Rita left Oregon to live near their daughter, Deedra and family in Utah.

Rita was preceded in death by her sister, Melba Jean Damico and her youngest son, Mitchell Kent Workman. She is survived by her husband Wayne, daughters Mary Ellen (Blair) Kent, Deedra Lynn (David) Hansen, and sons Thomas Dean (Penny) Workman and Jerry Dale (Caroline) Workman. Rita will be missed dearly by her 21 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. All who knew her were touched by her service, love and positive spirit.

Private family viewing and services will be held Saturday, May 23rd at Utah Valley Mortuary. Interment in Creswell Cemetery, 82738 Howe Lane, Creswell, Oregon.

Cemetery

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Creswell, OR, 97426

Comments



“ To Mary, DeeDee, Tom and Jerry: There was a time when I was at your house a lot! Rita was a second mom to me. I loved being at your home and with you guys. Rita didn't give me special treatment as if I was a guest. She treated me like one of you and it meant the world to me. She gave me my first perm. She took me to a Miss Slick Chick contest my parents couldn't take me to. She came to my school play. She laid on the couch and let me curl and fuss with her hair! She made the BEST tuna sandwiches! I will never forget a night that she and Wayne acted like we were all at a restaurant and we kids were the customers and they were the waiters! So fun for me. I could list memory after memory. But the most important thing is that she influenced my life in so many ways. I loved her and will cherish my memories with her all my life. Very sincerely, DeLanea Washburn Boss.

DeLanea Boss - May 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ Those are great memories - Thank you for sharing, DeLanea! I love to think of how she can now watch over us ALL... And how happy she is to continue to bless our lives as one of our angels from heaven. (The trick to the tuna sandwiches - I think - is Miracle Whip ;)

Deedra Hansen - May 31, 2020 at 11:50 PM