



JoAnn - Higgs

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After fighting valiantly against lymphoma since 2008, Jo Ann Higgs graduated to her heavenly home on January 22, 2014.

Jo Ann was born in Longview, WA on January 17, 1942, to Theron and Marjorie Trisdale. She learned the solid work ethic that guided her life from her parents on the family farm in Goble, OR. In 1960, she graduated from Rainier Union High School, Rainier, OR, as the Valedictorian. Jo Ann married Larry Higgs on April 4, 1980, in Vancouver, WA. They resided in the Pacific Northwest for all of their married life. In 1984, Jo Ann began pursuing her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. In 1987, she graduated with an Applied Associate degree in nursing from Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee, Washington.

For the next 20 years, Jo Ann worked in various hospitals and medical facilities as a Registered Nurse. Her main specialties were geriatrics and acute care. In 2006, she retired from Legacy Health after five years on the med-surge floor at Emmanuel Hospital.

In retirement, Jo Ann expanded her love of gardening by becoming a Master Gardener. She volunteered for countless hours at the St. Helens Senior Center. Her love for Jesus Christ was demonstrated by all the time she spent teaching Sunday school, working with the youth, serving in the kitchen, beautifying the church yard and serving as treasurer at First Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Higgs; her three sons, Christopher Wright of New York City, Scott Higgs of Tillamook and Ivan Higgs of Portland and two daughters, Connie Kramberg of Kelso, WA, and Shari Hughson of Columbia City. Her son, Erik Higgs preceded her in death, as did both of her parents and her brother, John Trisdale. She has two remaining brothers: Michael Trisdale of St. Mary's, ID, and Fred Trisdale of Albany, OR, as well as 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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A memorial service will be held at First Missionary Baptist Church, St. Helens, at 10 am on Saturday, February 1 with a reception following.

The family requests potted flowers and plants that can be added to a memorial garden honoring JoAnn's love of plants. Financial donations in her memory should be sent to I-5 Ministries.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at www.columbiafh.com.
Columbia Funeral Home, Directors.




Events


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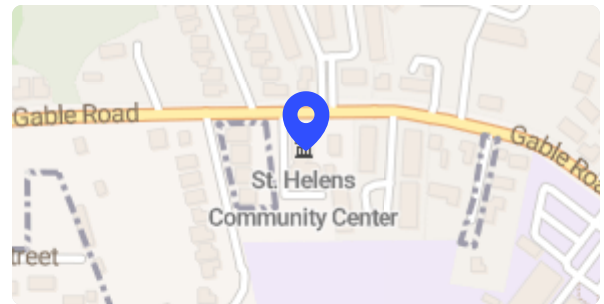
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Celebration of Life


 **Saturday**, February 1, 2014

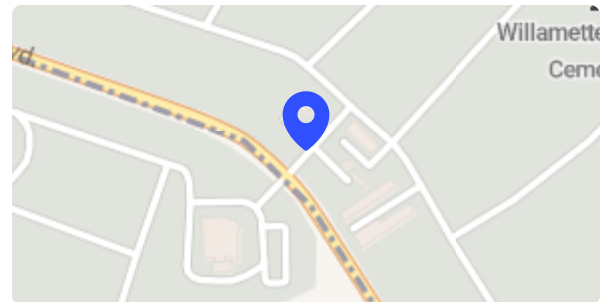
 10:00 AM PT

 **First Missionary Baptist Church**
2625 Gable Road, St. Helens OR



Cemetery Details

 **Willamette National Cemetery**
11800 Southeast Mount Scott Boulevard,
Portland OR





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DA

D'anita posted:

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April 22 at 2:00 AM

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April 22 at 2:00 AM

DS

Dave And Florence Snyder posted:

Joann you will always be in our thoughts with beautiful memories. When I touch a rose, I will remember how beautiful your roses were in the church yard. You grew them with kindness and such care. You loved the Lord, and gave us lessons in life to remember. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Larry and family. We will miss you, Joann, but know you are with Jesus now--near the river, shade trees, and beautiful roses that never fade. Dave and Florence Snyder

February 9 at 9:19 AM

JP

Josie (Trisdale) Phelan posted:

JoAnn you will be missed. First time we were together for an Easter dinner, you tried to show me how to make your wonderful homemade dinner rolls. Yours were great but mine looked like little bricks. But you kept up the training and I finally made great rolls also. Thank you! My condolences to the family. Josie (Trisdale) Phelan.

January 30 at 1:10 PM

DS

Donna Smith posted:

JoAnn was such an inspiration .. her faith and grace throughout her illness was deeply touching. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go to Larry and their family Donna Smith

January 29 at 9:56 AM



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BM

Bart And Lori Morriss posted:

Joann you will be missed.know you touched lots of people's lives and you were a great friend and neighbor your fight is and was inspiring and your memory will be long held in the heart and soul of your friends and family Your friends Bart,Lori,Colby,and Raven

January 25 at 12:32 PM

AW

Ann Walters lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JO ANNJIM AND ANN WALTERS

January 25 at 9:33 AM



MB

Marvel Brown posted:

JoAnn was a very warm and friendly person. She fought diligently through out her disease. She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her. Marvel

January 24 at 5:28 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring JoAnn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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