



Donna Clara Ralls

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Donna Ralls was born on July 9th, 1938, to Charles and Helen Dellinger. She grew up in Portland, Oregon, where she met and married the man of her dreams, Bill (William) Ralls. Together, they started their family.

After welcoming their fourth child, Donna and Bill decided to move to the countryside establishing a house that became a home in Deer Island. Nestled amidst the trees on 75 acres, the dreams of their children playing outside in homemade forts and adventurous trails to streams and the views of the Cascade mountain range became true. A few years after the birth of their 5th child, Donna started working for the Columbia County Head Start program, first as a bus driver, then as a teacher, where her love for children shone through.

The Meissner community was where she also joined a local bunko group, which blossomed into dear friendships and many summer picnics with neighbors and friends.

Sadly, Donna lost her beloved husband of 31 years. She remained in the home they cherished, where she was joined by her aging mother.

With a love of family connection, she welcomed into her home several of her adult children throughout the years. It was that love that led her to Salem, Oregon so she could focus on her ever-growing family. After several years of watching and supporting her grandchildren, it became clear it was time for Donna to enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

She relocated to her oldest daughter's home in Yuma, Arizona. It was there that Donna aged gracefully to her death on June 4th, 2025.

Donna leaves behind a loving family: Charlen and Tony Williamson, Carl and Tomme Ralls, Corey and Heidi Ralls, Carin and Jim Scott, and Clarke Ralls. Her legacy continues with grandchildren: Kyle, Quintan, Brie, Ashley, Andy (preceded), Jason, Andrew, Stephanie, Melissa, Jessie, Eldon, Jamie, Jenna, Amy, Alicia, Hailey, Connor (preceded), Jenna, Braden, Taylor, along with numerous great-grandchildren.



Events

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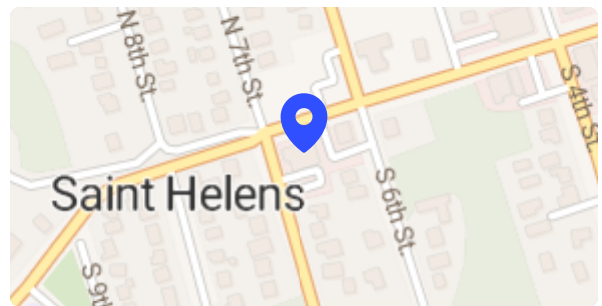
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Viewing

Sunday, June 15, 2025

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM pst

Columbia Funeral Home & Cremation Center
681 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens OR 97051



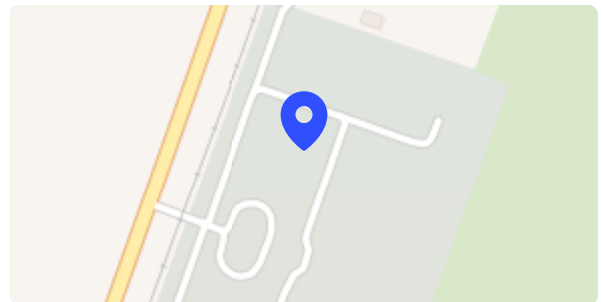
Graveside Service

Monday, June 16, 2025

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM pst

Columbia Memorial Gardens
54490 Columbia River Hwy., Scappoose OR 97056

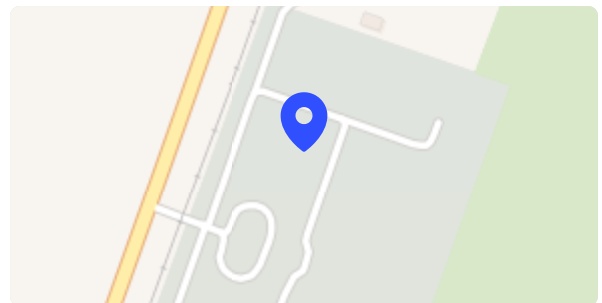
Reception immediately following at TBD



Cemetery Details

Columbia Memorial Gardens
54490 Columbia River Hwy., Scappoose OR 97056

(503) 397-1154





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Jeanine Bartley posted:

I am so sad to hear about Donna's passing. We taught preschool together at Head Start in St. Helens for many years. We had many laughs and good times together. She always had a new craft for the staff to try out. She even sewed my wedding dress! Even though we didn't stay connected in later years, I thought about her often. She was a wonderful person. RIP Donna.

June 21 at 10:42 AM



Jerry/Joanne Eisenzimmer lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Donna was such a wonderful lady. We met them in the 1980's when our kids went to school together. Bill (the candy man) was such a great husband. They were both such fun people to be around. Prayers to the Family... now they will be together.



June 10 at 7:33 PM



Charlen Williamson shared 10 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Forever in my heart. I love you mom.

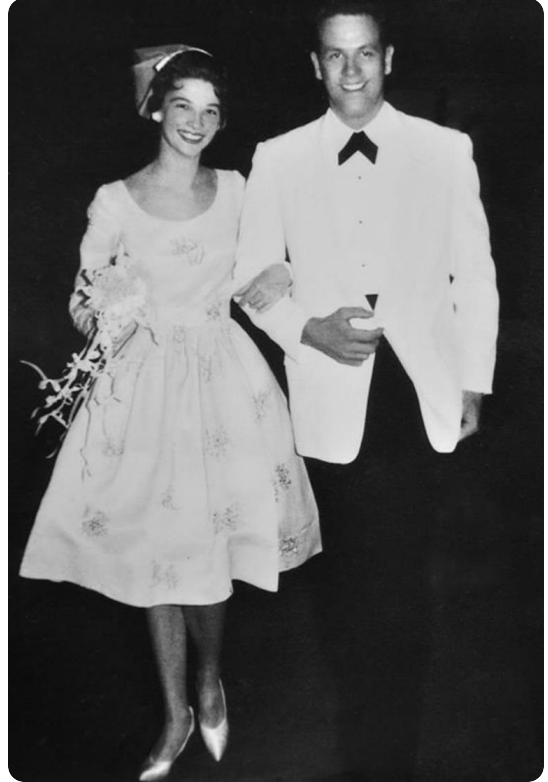


June 8 at 4:15 AM



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



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