



Dea Legler

April 18, 1928 - October 14, 2019

The heavens opened up and welcomed one more angel and today she is leading the choir. Dea Legler, at the ripe young age of 91 years, left us Monday, October 14, 2019 in the wee hours of the morning at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Unfortunately, she fell almost a month ago and broke her foot...and she just couldn't get back "up" to her wonderful "up" self again, so she passed over. She had a good full life here and has a wonderful big "family" welcoming her but selfishly her "family" here will have a tough time learning to live without her.

Dea Butler was born in Newdale, Idaho, April 18, 1928 into a wonderful family with seven siblings where she was the eighth and eldest daughter. She met and married Glen (Dutch) Legler after graduation and they went on to have five children... "five kids in four years" she liked to tell people, since her two boys are twins.

Dutch and Dea raised their family first in Blackfoot, Idaho, moving to Eugene, Oregon later and finally spending their twilight years together at Rose Valley in Scappoose, Oregon. Upon Glen's passing, Dea spent the last six years of her life "leading the choir" at Avamere Arbor Memory Care in St. Helens, Oregon.

During their long marriage of almost 68 years they enjoyed "twirling" the floors square dancing, bowling on leagues, hosting numerous "pinochle and bunko" nights throughout the years and singing with her "Sweet Adelines."

Dea was a member of the LDS church all of her life and working with the Relief Society teachers was very important to her. The visiting teachers and missionaries were always welcome at her dinner table where she would serve them her infamous stew and scones. Dea is survived by her five children, Patricia, Kaare, Larry, Karel, and Devona; sisters, Charlotte and Evelyn; brother, Robert; eight grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and a very big number of extended family.

Dea is predeceased by her husband Glen Legler and granddaughter Kim Darden.

There will be a service held in Dea's honor Friday, October 25, 2019 at Columbia Funeral Home. There will be a viewing from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, the funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM, with a graveside service at Columbia Memorial Gardens at 12:00 PM. There will be a celebration of Dea's life reception following all the services on Friday at the Bland residence 32506 Pittsburg Rd, St. Helens, OR.

“See you later alligator...

After while crocodile...”

Cemetery

Columbia Memorial Gardens

54490 Columbia River Hwy.
Scappoose, OR, 97056

Events

OCT 25 **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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681 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR, US, 97051

OCT 25 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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OCT 25 **Graveside Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I am so sad to hear of Dea's passing. I did my school internship at Avamere and she was the one whom I was always so excited to see! I continued to visit after my internship and did vigils there for residents who were passing. I loved sitting with her in her room and talking about things and holding her hand. I also loved interacting with her when it was activity time. She was so full of life and energy. She would always ask me what her name was and I would say "Dea, drug enforcement agency" and she would make sure I added the last part each time and she would smile... She never wanted me to leave, but would always say her famous lines that were listed in her obituary, "See you later alligator, or in awhile crocodile." We talked about deep things, and as a member of the church I would be comfortable talking with her about those deep things and would bring her messages when I could. Sometimes we sang songs and she was so delighted that I was a member visiting. She reminded me so much of my own sweet grandmother whom I loved so much. She was truly a joy... I had an overwhelming feeling this last month that I needed to go over and visit her and I am so sad that I did not follow through on those promptings. What a beautiful obituary for a beautiful daughter of God. She was loved and will be missed so very much. She is now learning about all the mysteries of the universe surrounded by those who went before. Take care sweet Dea until we meet again. Love, Terri Sweet...

Terri Sweet - October 27 at 01:01 PM