



### Obituary

**Born:** Thursday, October 17, 1929

**Died:** Thursday, July 2, 2015

Elaine Irene (Martindale) Conklin age 85 of Pendleton, Oregon, went home to be with the Lord after succumbing to illness, on July 2, 2015. She was born on October 17, 1929 in Beloit, Wisconsin to the late Everett Conway Martindale and Irene Rachel (Grabow) Martindale. Elaine attended school in Beloit, Wisconsin; Renton, Washington; and La Grande, Oregon. In Mid-life she attended college and earned two diplomas. She married the late Robert Elmer Conklin on December 26, 1946, in La Grande, Oregon. They were blessed with three children who survive them: Victoria Lee (Conklin) Dawes, Sacramento, California; Robert Eugene Conklin, Hermiston, Oregon; Diana Jean (Conklin) Grider, Fairland, Indiana. During their marriage they would make their home in a number of places which included: La Grande, Milton-Freewater, Roseburg and Pendleton, Oregon; Walla Walla, Clarkston, and Spokane, Washington; Beloit, Wisconsin and San Diego, California. Elaine was predeceased by her brother Leland Everett Martindale. She is survived by her sister, Helen Mae (Martindale) Goetzman, Beloit, Wisconsin and her brother, Bruce Conway (Sandy) Martindale, Beloit, Wisconsin. Elaine is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews, with special mention of her nephew Gordon Goetzman and his wife Lisa (Grischkowsky) Goetzman, who selflessly gave of themselves to help her in many ways. Special recognition to her handyman/gardener/caregiver, Carlos Fuentes, Pendleton, Oregon, who helped her tremendously, making her last few years dealing with illness, more bearable.

In addition to raising three children, Elaine was employed at The Pendleton Woolen Mills and various Hospitality Service/Management positions during her working years.

A recognized beauty, she was full of life with an unforgettable personality and many talents. Clothing design and construction, gold dredging and jewelry design, travelling with her late husband to find beautiful works of collectible art, and being surrounded by beauty, were a few of her many passions. She loved animals and helped with Cat Rescue to manage the growing cat population. Those who met her would be left with a memorable impression, and those who knew her will remember her effervescent personality and over-the-top enthusiasm for filling nearly every moment with something productive!

Elaine will be sorely missed by family and friends and there will be a graveside "going home" service at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, Oregon at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015.

### Service Summary

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#### Graveside Service

11:00 AM Thu Jul 09, 2015

#### Olney Cemetery

865 Tutuilla Road  
Pendleton, OR 97801

