



Obituary

Born: Monday, August 22, 1938

Died: Thursday, September 29, 2016

Nyettia Iris Kelly

Pendleton

August 22, 1938-September 29, 2016

Pendleton resident Nyettia Kelly died in her home September 29, 2016. She was 78 years old.

Service Summary

Graveside Service

10:00 AM Thu Oct 06, 2016

Olney Cemetery

865 Tutuilla Road
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Nyettia was born August 22, 1938, at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton to Ira and Mabel Dumont. Shortly after the family moved to Myrtle Creek, Oregon, where Nyettia graduated from Myrtle Creek High School in 1958. As a child Nyettia loved animals, particularly horses, and was an accomplished rider. She also loved to sing, entertaining family and friends singing opera and yodeling, and was a member of her high school Glee Club, choir, and active on the rally squad. Nyettia liked to fish with her dad, dance, attend parties, and is remembered by classmates and family for her spunk, sense of humor and beautiful smile.

Nyettia met David Kelly in 1960 at a dance in Myrtle Creek where David, recently discharged from the Navy, was working on a road construction crew. They married in 1961 and made their home in Myrtle Creek where Nyettia worked as a nurse's aide at Roseburg Community Hospital. Nyettia and David had three daughters, Nyasa, Kimbra and Dalaine, before moving to Moses Lake in 1969 so David could study aircraft mechanics at Big Bend Community College.

The family moved to Pendleton in 1973 when David accepted a position at Pendleton Air-Motive. On summer weekends Nyettia, David and their daughters would fill their 1954 Chevy pickup with friends, family members and camping gear and head to the mountains to camp at Indian Lake or the Umatilla Forks campground where they would swim, fish and play games around camp. Everyone was welcome and good memories were had by all.

Nyettia worked 27 years at Delemarter's Nursing Home in Pendleton, many of those years as the activities director, before retiring in 2007. During this time Nyettia was well known for her award-winning Round-Up parade floats; festive holiday decorations; her dog Trigger, a long-time companion to Nyettia and the residents at Delemarter's; and for her care of and affection for the residents with whom she worked.

Nyettia was an avid sports fan throughout her life and in retirement could often be found playing solitaire and watching whatever sport was in season, but spending time with family was her highest priority. Nyettia remained close to her brother and sisters throughout her life and could always be counted on to be there for her daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and other family members, sharing a combination of advice, humor, loyalty, and love.

Nyettia is survived by her husband David; daughters Nyasa Knobel, Kimbra Cook, and Dalaine Kelly; grandchildren Teeman Williams and Lieden Cook; great-grandchildren Drake and Lucas Woodiwiss, and Tesla Williams; sisters Nova Knutzen and Wanda Sonneson; and brother Andy Dumont.

Nyettia touched many in her life and will be missed by all who knew her. A graveside memorial service for family and friends will be held Thursday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Donations can be made to the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS).

Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.