

Varene E. McLaughlin

Pendleton

February 23, 1926-December 26, 2013

Varene E. McLaughlin, 87, of Pendleton, Ore, passed away Thursday, December 26th. Funeral service will be held at Burns Mortuary on Friday, January 3rd, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., followed by burial at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. A celebration of life will follow at the Roy Raley Room.

Varene was born on February 23rd, 1926, in Baker City, Ore. Varene moved to Pendleton at the age of 13 where

she remained until her death. She graduated from Pendleton High School in 1943. At age 18, Varene went to work for Roy Raley with the law firm of Raley, Kilkenny and Raley. Shortly thereafter she began working as Jim Raley's legal secretary, and continued in that role until 1967. For the next two years Varene did bookkeeping out of her home. In 1969 she went to work for Robert W. Colvard Attorney at Law. She continued with the firm of Collins and Collins as a legal assistant specializing in probate work until her retirement in 2005.

On November 3rd, 1950, Varene married Joe McLaughlin in Pendleton. Although family and work were her priorities, Varene's whole-hearted support of Joe allowed him to be involved in multiple government and civic activities. Joe and Varene enjoyed entertaining friends and family, always with a fun and inviting atmosphere. She had an

amazing gift through her words, deeds, and the way she truly listened. She made family, friends and even casual acquaintances feel important and special.

Varene was an avid sports fan and supported the activities and athletic endeavors of her children and grandchildren. She loved watching all kinds of sports and later in life took up golf. Varene was a season ticket holder for the Portland Power and later



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the Portland Trailblazers. She loved playing cards, reading, traveling and going to all kinds of live theatre.

Survivors include her children Greg and Julia McLaughlin, Patricia and Steve Malcom, all of Pendleton, Doug and Becky McLaughlin of Snoqualmie, Wash., and Tara and Dan Fleshman of Little Rock, Ark. Grandchildren include Alyssa and Jean Luke Alexander, Casey McLaughlin, Shannon and Chris Peters, Kim Malcom, Kevin McLaughlin, Kylie McLaughlin and Meghan McLaughlin. Great-grandchildren Murray and Keaton Alexander and Brody Peters.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joe; her parents, R.L. and Lucille (Burnside) Colvard; and her brother Bill Colvard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oregon Public Broadcasting or the Pendleton Foundation Trust through Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

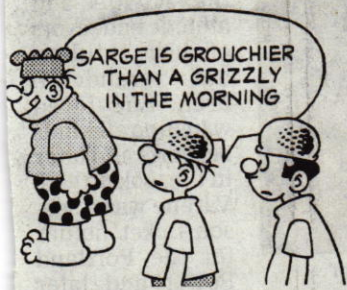
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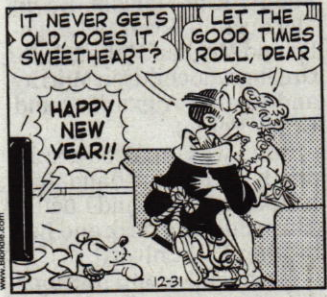
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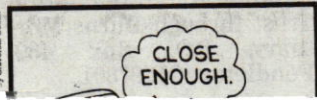
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BY SCOTT ADAMS



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