



Obituary

Born: Thursday, December 7, 1933

Died: Friday, May 19, 2017

Mathersa Louisa Davenport Michel went to sleep in Jesus on Friday evening, May 19, 2017. Born December 7, 1933 to Leon and Charolette Davenport in Tina, Missouri, Mathersa grew up the second of six children. Leon would later marry Ellen Davenport, and they would adopt two more children. At the age of 17, Mathersa left high school to marry James Michel in New Plymouth, Idaho. Together they raised four sons, Gary, Lonnie, Larry, and Kevin.

In 1970, Mathersa and her family moved to Pendleton, Oregon where she worked in the payroll department at Harris Pine Mills until its closure. She then started a day care program that she ran out of her home. She continued caring for children until she was forced to retire after suffering a stroke in 2002.

Mathersa faced numerous health challenges after suffering a second stroke in July of 2002. Despite the many complications that came as a result of the strokes, Mathersa kept a positive attitude. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She collected novelty bells and spoons from around the country. She also enjoyed collecting pictures of nature. She loved Jesus with all of her heart and made her family promise to meet her in Heaven someday.

Mathersa was preceded in death by her parents, her older brother Leon, and two of her younger sisters, Katie and Maxine. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Jim, her sons - Gary and his wife Theresa, Lonnie and his wife Christel, Larry and his wife Donna, and her youngest son Kevin and his partner Tracy Bosen. She will be missed by her brothers Bob and Rick Davenport, her sisters Joyce Rich and Leanne McClure, her ten grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren, along with extended family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 3 in the afternoon at the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Service Summary

Memorial Service

3:00 PM Sat Jun 03, 2017

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1401 SW Goodwin Place
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

