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Valorie Lea Sampson

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Valorie Lea Sampson, age 63, of Pilot Rock died on December 18, 2015, in Grangeville, Idaho, with her family at her side. Valorie was born in Pendleton, Ore., on February 6, 1952, to Dennis and Helen Jobes. She was the second of six children.

From a very young age Valorie always knew what she wanted and at the age of 7 years old she found the love of her life, Sonny Sampson, and preceded to tell his mother, "Someday I am going to marry your son," and she replied by saying, "I hope you do, honey." She followed her heart from that day on and dated Sonny throughout her high school years at Pilot Rock High, where she enjoyed cheerleading and stayed active in her community, and loved nature.

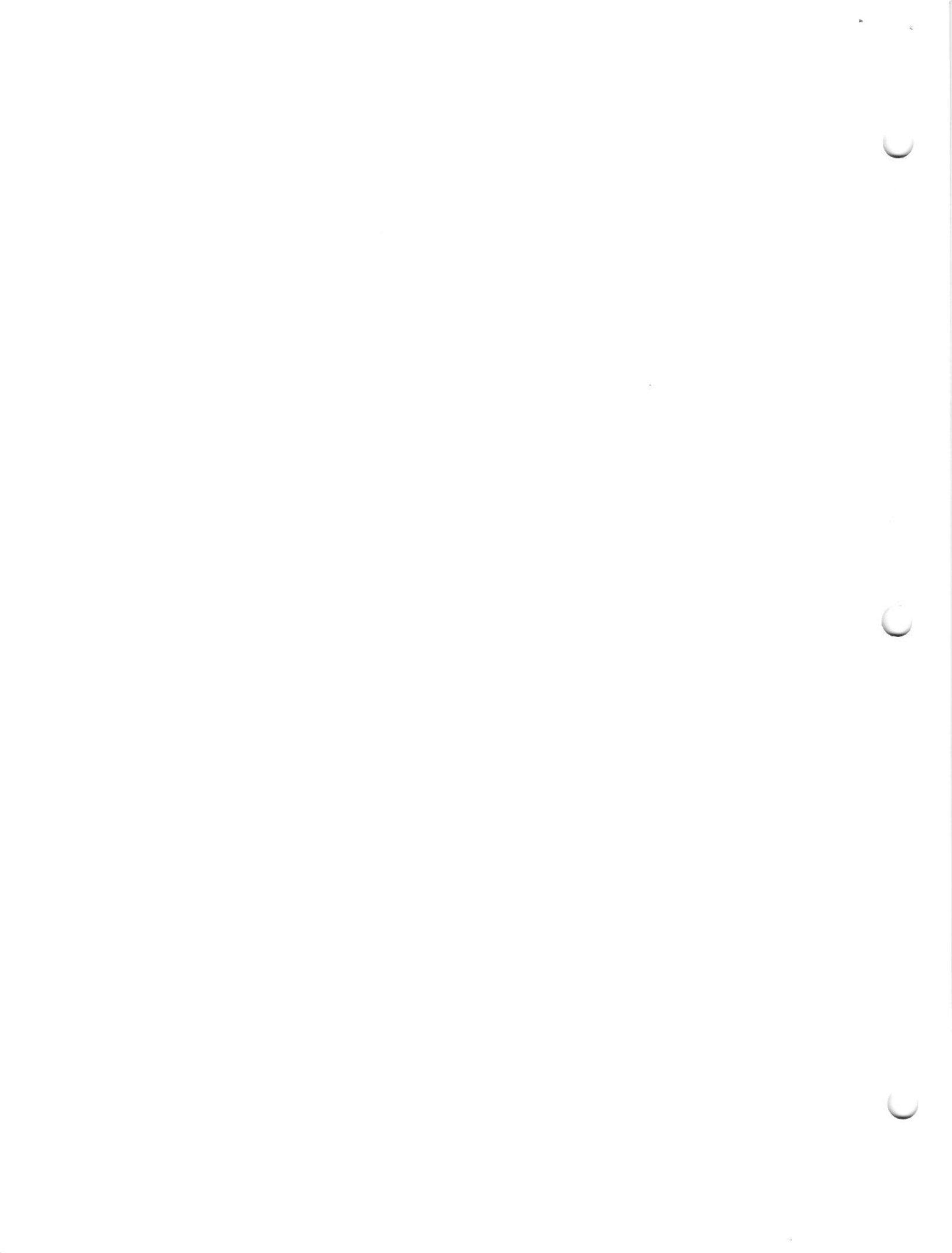
Shortly after graduation Valorie made good on her word and married Sonny Sampson in Pilot Rock on December 26th, 1970. They wasted no time at all starting a family and 11 months later Valorie gave birth to her first baby boy, Travis Jerome. Within the next two years Valorie gave birth to Trisha Joy, and 15 months later along came Terra Jean. She was a busy young mother with three young ones under the age of four, but she loved nothing more than being a mother. Valorie wasn't done adding to her family and 4 years later Tana Janelle was born.

Sonny and Val were raising their family on McKay Creek, which she always referred to her as her "little piece of heaven," and they were enjoying life to the fullest. In 1982 Val and Sonny experienced the greatest tragedy of their lives, they lost their first born son in a terrible accident. Valorie was described as having the most broken heart of all time. It was a terribly painful time, but through Sonny and Val's great love they were able to pick up the pieces and once again she learned to laugh and find beauty in the world. In 1984 God wasn't done, he gave Valorie another little boy to love, Troy James.

Although being a mother was her greatest accomplishment, Valorie also enjoyed many other aspects of life. She loved gardening and took much pride in her beautiful flowers, she loved to sing and had the voice of an angel, but above all she loved to laugh and her beautiful smile was contagious. She had such an amazing heart and had a way of making everyone around her feel comfortable and loved. Valorie's home was always the favorite spot to go, not only for her own children, but for so many other cousins and friends. Valorie Sampson was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside and her world is a better place because she was in it!

Valorie is preceded in death by her son Travis Sampson, father Dennis Jobes, mother Helen Jobes, brother Dean Jobes, brother Ron Jobes and sister Marla Michael. She is survived by her loving husband Sonny Sampson; daughters Trisha (Jeff) Adams, Terra (Chad) Hill and Tana (Byron) Ellis; son Troy (Sierra) Sampson; brother Jim (Nancy) Jobes; and sister

Belinda (Dave) Roberts. Valorie was also survived by nine grandkids and many nieces and nephews.



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There will be a rosary held on Sunday, December 27th at 6:00 p.m. and funeral services will be held on Monday, December 28th at 11:00 a.m., both at St. Andrew's Mission Catholic Church in Pendleton, Ore.

Bernice loved flowers and if you wish to send flowers please do so to St. Andrew's mission, but she was also a very practical person and would not want donations of any sort, she would want you to donate to this world instead by paying it forward. Do something kind for another in her memory.

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