



Elizabeth Charlotte Seifert

March 3, 1924 - June 13, 2009

Elizabeth Charlotte Hilmes Seifert Werner, beloved mother, sister and friend, died June 13, 2009 in Oregon City, Oregon. Born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on March 3, 1924, to Julius and Charlotte (Stoesser) Hilmes, Elizabeth grew up there with three older siblings. After graduating from nursing school as a RN at St. Mary's Hospital in Wausau, Wisconsin, she moved to Oregon to use her nursing skills at the Tillamook Hospital until 1950 when she married Herman G. Seifert, Jr., formerly from Sheboygan, and started a family. After Herman passed away in 1963, she started working for the Oregon City School District as an outdoor school nurse, she was known as Cottontail, until she retired. In 1971, she married Otto Werner Jr. They moved to the Oregon Coast upon his retirement. In 2005, they returned to Oregon City due to health reasons. Otto Werner preceded Elizabeth in death in 2007.

Elizabeth was one of the sweetest and most generous hostess, as she would invite many people to her home for meals and entertainment. She loved to have people around and loved to cook her special German potato salad dish with brats. Games would include Bridge, Pinochle, 10 Little Indians or what ever cards would match the age bracket of her guests including all her grandchildren. She was always available for hugs and smiles. Her faith in God was always present with her many Bible Studies and in her way of life.

She is survived by her sister Carita Nelson of Sturgeon Bay, WI; along with her children, Debora Franzen of Oregon City; Ronald (Terri) Seifert of Newport; Jack Seifert and Philip (Beverly) Seifert of Oregon City; Scott (Susie) Werner of Oregon City and Nancy Oswald of Gladstone. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Elizabeth's name may be made to one of the following organizations:

Pulmonary Fibrosis

1332 N. Halsted St. Ste. 201

Chicago, IL 60642-2642

American Heart Association

710 2nd Ave. Ste. 900
Seattle, WA 98104

American Diabetes Foundation
1701 N. Beauregard St.
Alexandria, VA 22311

Willamette Falls Hospice
1505 Division St.
Oregon City, OR 97045

There will be a memorial held on June 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Oregon City.

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Comments



“ Elizabeth was a life saver for our family when we lived in Oregon. I was just a little 11 year old in 4th grade. Elizabeth was always going over to our house to help my mom with us kids since she was a nurse and had it in her heart to help this little mexican family. What I remember most is going over to Elizabeth's house almost every day after school to play on her yard, swing from her swing and eat her great cookies. She was family to us. I remember Debbie and some of Elizabeth's boys, but they were much older than us and I think getting ready to go to college. We will miss her dearly. We are just sad we could not visit her very often since we moved to California. May she rest in peace. Please come visit us if you are ever in California.

From the entire Ortiz family please receive our condolences to the entire family.

Angie Williams

Angie Williams - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We have a lot of fond memories of spending time with Libby. She was always the one that kept everyone doing something or going somewhere. My parents would go out there and had to come home and rest up. Our daughter, Julie, went out to visit them many, many years ago and Libby took her everywhere and fed her well. She has a lot of memories of that trip also. We were so glad that we were able to see Libby a few years ago when she came for her sister, Carita's 90th birthday.

Our sympathy to the family,

Don and Gwen

Don and Gwen Tushaus - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Elizabeth, you will always be in our heart. Your friend Carmen Ortiz and her daughters will never forget your exceptional generosity and kindness. You were an Angel of God when we needed you the most. We will always pray to Jesus for you and your family, and hope to see you again at the resurrection. We pray for all your family that they may be consoled, though they and we will miss you, by the thought that you are with God resting in peace until we see you again. We love you with all our heart,

your friends always Carmen, Maria, Esperanza, Angela, Rosa, Carmen and Frances Ortiz. Our Deepest Sympathies to all.

Esperanza Garcia - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am one of "Libby's" many nieces and my fondest memory is of her driving me, my daughter and my dad (my mom didn't go as she wanted to stay home to clean Libby's house!) to see Mt. St. Helen's shortly after it erupted. Libby kept on driving up the mountain even though it was getting dark and there were no rest room or restaurants (or gift stores, as my daughter noted!). All of us, except Libby of course, were a little worried because the scenery was so surreal and it was getting dark! We made it back to her house much later than expected, worrying my mom (Libby's sister) whose dinner was getting very cold. That was the most fascinating scenery I have ever seen however and Libby wanted to make sure we saw it. I'm sure she is stirring up things in heaven!

Carol Garnett - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss Elizabeth, her smile and the warmth in her eyes. I loved getting to spend some time with Elizabeth toward the end of her life. She was a woman of tremendous spirit. I know she is now with Jesus.

Charlene Jensen - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM