



## Jeanette Lois Greiling

August 20, 1934 - January 10, 2018

Jeanette Lois Greiling passed away January 10, 2018 at the age of 83, with her loving husband of 60 years and her two sons in attendance. Well known in the West Linn community as a high school teacher, enthusiastic volunteer and caring mentor to so many, her life tapestry includes a broad spectrum of loving admirers.

Born August 20, 1934 in South Bend, Washington, Jeanette is the only child of Glasco and Balbina Branson. She graduated from Marylhurst University in 1956, majoring in English Literature with minors in Speech and Drama, and met her lifelong love along the way. Jeanette married in 1957 in Portland, Oregon having taught school in Yakima, Washington, ultimately becoming an inspiring faculty fixture in the West Linn High School English department.

Of her many accomplishments, charity work and interests, Jeanette was first and foremost an educator. Whether introducing foreign films to her classes, bringing English to life before their eyes with her passion and creativity, or lending a compassionate and genuinely caring ear to a student in need, she in many ways defined what it is to be a complete teacher.

She gave selflessly of her time to volunteer organizations, active in Lions Club and as a one-on-one mentor to special needs students later in her life. Jeanette was a devoted animal lover, mother to her golden retriever Brooklynn, and gave generously to the Oregon Humane Society. She lent her considerable literary skills to her weekly writing group, "Honoring Our Memories" whose mission is to chronicle life in West Linn for future generations. She taught her son that there is no such word as "heighth". During her life, Jeanette enjoyed camping, backpacking, the occasional fishing expedition with her husband, Thai food lunches with dear friends and generally being with her family.

Jeanette will be missed dearly by her husband Rodney, with whom she shared a sacred bond they kept just for themselves. She is also survived by her sons Eric (Carol) and Richard, her grandchildren Rory, Allie, Rodney, and Alexandria (Clayton) Mullendore. Dear to her heart was her 1-year old great granddaughter Coralee.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the Wiegand Chapel at Marylhurst University on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11AM. All are welcome.

The family asks that any donations be made to the Oregon Humane Society in her memory.

# Events

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**FEB** **Celebration of Life**

11:00AM

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Wiegand Chapel

Marylhurst University 17600 Pacific Highway, Marylhurst, OR, US, 97036

# Comments

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“ I taught with Jeanette at West Linn High School in the early 70's and kept in touch with her until I no longer got a Christmas card; now, I know why. She and I took a Japanese cooking class for several weeks once. I still cook the food, and always think of Jeanette when I do. Betsy Sullivan Taylor

**Betsy Taylor** - August 05, 2019 at 04:33 PM

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“ I met Jeanette when she joined 'Honoring Our Memories' writing group at the adult center in West Linn. She was very clever and humorous in her writings and told it as it is. Jeanette was such a caring and loving friend. I will cherish every moment I spent with her in and out of the writing group. I will miss her terribly as well as those whose lives she ever touched. Jeanette has left an ever lasting legacy in so many. I miss you, Jeanette, until we meet again, and we will meet again.

With Sincere Sympathy to the Greiling Family,

Vicki Eide

**Vicki Eide** - January 22, 2018 at 11:58 PM

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“ We have just lost our designated leadoff hitter.

Jeanette was a member of the West Linn Adult Community's "Honoring Our Memories" senior writing group that met each Tuesday. She had been a part of the group for the last seven or eight years.

Jeanette earned recognition for serving as the opening reader; everyone could count on her for volunteering to get things started. Her writing included such topics as preparing Thanksgiving dinner, stories involving the family dog, stories about her upbringing as an only child in Chehalis, Washington, her experiences at Marylhurst College, connecting with relatives in Germany, and one time focusing on the number of electrical outlets in her home. She was often able to capture the spirit of family life with focus on her two sons and their families. She included a vignette about her marriage to her husband, Rod, and that was followed by description of her first teaching job in the Toppenish, Washington area. She also wrote about camping and fishing trips with her family team. Overall, she was a team player.

She charmed her listeners each time she shared something she had written with her straight forward sense of humor. She thus shared her pleasing personality through the stories of her life helping the writers' group to inspire new writing week to week. She brought grace and vitality to the group. She has, however, just hit a home run heavenward. She will be missed. I am happy she was part of my own life.

Michael Wendt

Michael Wendt - January 21, 2018 at 10:38 PM

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“ Jeanette, was another mom to me. Eric and I grew up together and I spent many hours at the Greiling home where I always felt welcome. Until I bought my first car from Rod and Jeanette, who gave me a great deal on their VW Bug, my sister and I were chauffeured to high school every morning by Jeanette. She was a caring and perceptive lady who showed concern for me knowing life in my home had its challenges. She was clever and thought provoking, and possessed a quizzical sense of humor. I will always be grateful for her acceptance and careful eye over me.

My condolences to Eric, Rod and Richard. Thank you for including my youth in your lives.

Rich Katz

Rich Katz - January 20, 2018 at 09:29 PM

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“ Jeanette was a wonderful sweet lady she was always kind and welcoming she will be truly missed. I enjoyed hearing her stories or sharing a laugh. Prayers for her family at this difficult time.



**Rachael Lukaszewski** - January 19, 2018 at 05:13 PM

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“ Jeanette we are so going to miss seeing you and Rod on our daily walks in the neighborhood. When we moved to West Linn it was a good omen to me when I found we lived so close to one of my sisters (Grace Herr) good friends. Condolences to Rod, and your sons.

**Cheryl Wideman** - January 17, 2018 at 11:12 PM