



## Arion Florice Doyle

July 3, 1926 - April 23, 2024

Arion Florice Doyle (1926-2024)

Arion Florice Doyle, at the age of 97, passed away at the home of her daughter on April 23rd, 2024 in Milwaukie, Oregon.

Arion was born in Kansas City, Kansas in 1926 to Mary and Arthur Ballance Sr. She was the fifth of nine children. Arion was intelligent and determined and after graduating from nursing school, began working full time at local hospitals. She went on to pursue her BSN and ultimately achieved her Master's degree in Education. She was proud of her accomplishments during which time she helped to shape the future generation of nurses. She held very high standards for herself and those around her. During her time as a nursing instructor, her colleagues had a high level of respect for her because of her meticulous work ethic. While in Zaire, Africa, she discovered a true sense of mission providing medical care alongside doctors and missionaries in that region.

She loved the Lord. She took much pride in the fact that her elders were the founding members of Kansas Community Church, where her family continues to maintain membership. In Edwardsville, Kansas she was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with her husband and their children. In West Linn, Oregon the family joined Calvary Baptist Church and each year with great

enthusiasm, Arion was proud to organize the children's Christmas performance.

Arion enjoyed vacations with her family, especially camping and cross country travel. It was one of these experiences where she fell in love with Oregon and the tall evergreen trees, clean rivers and beautiful Mt. Hood. When returning home from that trip, she and her husband made the decision to move to Oregon. After retirement, they continued traveling. They became snowbirds, spending winters in Arizona. She also enjoyed traveling with Anderson, as his passenger in the seat of their Honda Goldwing, as members of the Motorcycle club called "The Retreads," a group of retired motorcycle enthusiasts.

Family was very important to Arion. She loved to host gatherings in the home. At these events with family and friends she would prepare unforgettable feasts that always included three to four choices of homemade desserts that she prepared the night before.

Anderson and Arion shared 57 years in marriage. He preceded her in death as did two brothers, and all four sisters. She is survived by her children Charles Birdwhistle of Nevada, Walter [Melissa] Doyle of North Carolina, and Kathy Cassandra Doyle of Oregon, as well as two brothers, Errol Ballance of Kansas City and Jasper Ballance of Los Angeles, two granddaughters, Ericka Ann Doyle and Emma Jo Newman [Jonathan], and many loving nieces and nephews.

The condolences and prayers that have been extended on behalf of our family are very much appreciated.

A private graveside placement will be witnessed by family on Thursday, May 30th, 2024.

A Repass will be held Friday June 7, 2024 at 6:00PM at Kansas City  
Community Church  
5901 Leavenworth Road Kansas City, KS 66104

# Previous Events

## Repass

JUN 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

Kansas City Community Church  
5901 Leavenworth Road  
Kansas City, KS 66104

# Tribute Wall

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“ I meet Aaron around 40 years ago when she was selling jewelry in my hair salon. We became good friends. Then we became family. I don't think there has ever been a Grandma more excited and proud than Aaron was when it came to Emma Jo. She was an amazing Grandma. I appreciated her support and dedication when it came making Emma and I family. Having the opportunity to spend time with Aaron's whole at family reunions was especially a blessing. She really was very interesting woman who accomplished a lot in life and I considered her an amazing role model for my daughter. She shared her love for family and adventure with everyone. She will always be in our hearts. Debbie Sipe Thames

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**Debra Thames** - June 05, 2024 at 07:23 PM

AJ

“ I had the pleasure of taking care of her for several months in the assisted living home and loved my time with her. We enjoyed going to game nights and movie nights in her facility and also just relaxing and watching her favorite show NCIS Los Angeles. She will be greatly missed!

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**Amber Jewell** - June 03, 2024 at 04:15 PM

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“*“Jerry and I met Arion and Andy when they became our neighbors back in the early 70's in West Linn. We hit it off as friends and soon found ourselves camping together in Central Oregon. One of my favorite memories was the fishing we enjoyed at Clear Lake. Andy had gone out early one morning and caught some trout and brought them back to camp. Arion prepared them and cooked us all a wonderful, delicious breakfast that morning!! It was and is, a MAGIC MEMORY from our times together”.*

*-Sherry Donahe*

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**Sherry Donahe** - June 03, 2024 at 07:51 AM

BK

“ Aaron and I worked together at St. Vincent Hospital in the late '80's and '90's. We were both in the Department of Nursing Education. Although we seemed to have little in common, we became really good friends. She had a lot of wisdom regarding what it takes to get along and how to survive when things are tough. I learned so much from her history and from her actions. Outside of work, we took several trips together when she and Anderson would take their motor home and meet us at some destination, like the beach or Mt. Hood. We went fishing, played games and ate -- yes, ate. One Thanksgiving she cooked 4 pies for about 8 people. I asked, "Why so many?" And her reply was , "So people could have choices." She was fun-loving and generous. And she did like to cook and eat! After Aaron retired, we visited her and Anderson on the Olympic Peninsula. And one of Anderson's last visits to us was at our mountain cabin. He was such a dear person, and I know how she missed him.

Time passes, and I continued to keep in touch with Aaron as she moved to Las Vegas (how gutsy was that!) and then back to Milwaukie. She always did her best to keep her sense of humor and to be thankful to the Lord no matter the difficulties and the pain. The last couple of years were really tough.

Thank you, Aaron, for your lessons in tolerance and for your friendship. May you rest in peace.

*Barbara Kuehner, RN*

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**Barbara Kuehner** - June 01, 2024 at 10:51 AM

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“ Many decades ago, Arion and Anderson let me borrow their VW big to take my driver's test because ours had a light out. So generous (and trusting). A great neighbor. I send my condolences to her children and the family.

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**Ingrid Philippon** - May 31, 2024 at 10:44 PM

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Emma Neumann - May 29, 2024 at 10:23 PM

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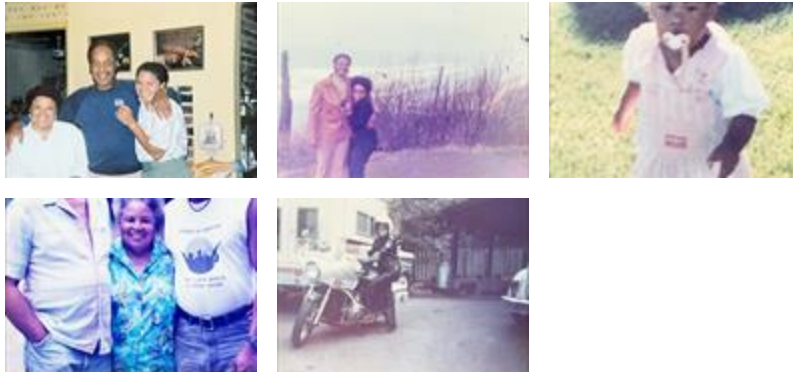
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Emma Neumann - May 29, 2024 at 10:07 PM

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Emma Jo Neumann - May 29, 2024 at 04:13 PM



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Hillside Chapel - May 16, 2024 at 05:27 PM



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