



## Gertrude Margaret Lachnite

January 17, 1928 - December 9, 2019

Gertrude (Trudy) M. Lachnite (Lutz)


Gertrude (Trudy) Lachnite, age 91, passed away on December 9th, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, December 15th, at 1:00 pm at Hillside Chapel, 1306 Seventh Street, Oregon City, 97045. Redland Grange will also be hosting a luncheon memorial on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 1 pm

Trudy was born on January 17th, 1928, the third of five children born to Swiss immigrants Paul and Rosa (Baumann) Lutz. She was raised in rural Oregon City, OR on their family-owned Redland Dairy Farm. She learned English as her second language when she began attending school. Trudy graduated from Oregon City High School in 1946. Shortly after graduation, she began her career at Montgomery Ward in Portland, OR, where she remained for 36 years until the iconic store closed 1982. Trudy made many friends at Ward's over the years and considered them an extended family.

In 1961, Trudy met her husband, Max J., on a blind date. They fell in love immediately and married three months later. The couple moved to St. John's in North Portland, where they raised three children together, Earl, Maxine and Lloyd. Trudy was also a caring stepmother to Max's older son Danny, who came to live with them. She was a loving wife for 21 years until Max's death in

1982. A few years later, Trudy devoted herself to taking care of her mother, Rosa.

Trudy was beloved by her children, who were always her first priority, and dearly loved by their friends. She was good-natured and kind to everyone. She was very proud of her Swiss heritage, loved to dance and yodel, and always sang off-key. Trudy treated everyone with respect and was always eager to help someone in need.

Trudy enjoyed being a member of the Vancouver Elks Emblem Club, and an active member with the Portland Swiss Club, with whom she and traveled extensively to gatherings across the West. Trudy was most proud of being an active Redland Grange member for over 75 years. Trudy spent her later years doting on her grandchildren, leaving them with many wonderful memories. 

Trudy is survived by her sister Betty Alford and brother Lester Lutz (Gladys); children Earl Lachnite, Maxine Pelker, and Lloyd Lachnite (Jen); stepson Danny Miller (Jackie); grandchildren Paige Pelker, Morgan Pelker, Rex Pelker, Logan Lachnite, Maxx Lachnite, Jackson Lachnite, Liam Lachnite, and Michelle Miller-Lopez (Carlos); great-granddaughter Ruby Lopez, and many nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd  
Portland, OR 97086

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service with Reception

DEC **15**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel  
1306 7th Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045

## Celebration of Life with Reception

JAN **12**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Redland Grange  
18131 S. Fischers Mill Rd.  
Oregon City, OR 97045

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gertrude Margaret Lachnite*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Trudy was a very unique lady. She was always smiling and busy with so many activities. She cared for her family so much and was so proud of their accomplishments. We was Grange members for years together and had many happy activities together. I will miss her a lot and her love of life.*

*Shirley Gilman*

**Shirley** - March 29, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *I remember she tried to set my brother in law up with me. But I wasn't interested in him and he fell head over heels in love with my sister. My most favorite memory of Trudy is her yodeling. As kids if she wanted us to fone to the house and couldn't find us she yodel and we would come a running. I remember one time being at a graduation ceremony heard her yodel and knew she was in the building! Gonna miss that woman!*



**Gaylen Flynn** - December 12, 2019 at 07:25 PM



*Correction ... she wanted us to come to the house.*

**Gaylen Flynn** - December 12, 2019 at 07:28 PM

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*my PRAYERS go out to the family Have many fond memories of Gertrude while working with her at Montgomery Ward and our many adventures on the way home from work when I was riding with her.*

**Barbara Lewis** - December 12, 2019 at 10:39 PM

PP

“ *Trudy is in my prayers. God rest her soul and give her everlasting peace. My condolences to the family and prayers for your comfort. I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Paulette Porter** - December 12, 2019 at 06:17 PM

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“ *Trudy had a dynamite personality and was one of the most outgoing energetic people I've had the pleasure to meet. She loved to converse and was always on the go to any number of activities. It was not unusual to run into her at a sale, as she loved to browse for bargains. She stayed busy, attended some of our family events and went on many outings with Maxine. It was always a pleasure to see and talk with her. I will certainly miss Trudy.*

**Paulette Porter** - December 12, 2019 at 06:10 PM

KE

“ *Kenya lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Margaret Lachnite*



**kenya** - December 12, 2019 at 12:52 PM

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“ *Always hold dear the wonderful memories  
and the precious times you shared together.*

*Chaplain Frank C Clore*



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**Pastor Frank C Clore** - December 09, 2019 at 09:48 PM