

Raelene Young

November 29, 1950 - December 31, 2023

Raelene Young of Oregon City passed away on New Years Eve 2023. She was born in Kealahou, Hawaii to Frank and Midori (Okimoto) Ushiroda on November 29, 1950.

After high school she earned a B.A. in Education from Southern Oregon State College. She taught in Hawaii and in several schools in Clackamas County.

Raelene married Russel Young on July 3, 1976 and they raised two boys, Ryan and Robb.

Raelene was preceded in death by her parents and son Ryan. She is survived by Russell and Robb, sister Lori and brothers Randy, Scott, and Palani, all of Hawaii. She also leaves behind many close friends and former students.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 24th at the Backstop Bar & Grill, in the Antonia Ballroom, from 1:00-4:00. Please drop in anytime during those hours to pay your respects and to share a fond memory of Raelene. No formal presentation will occur, but a slideshow and some of Raelene's favorite music will be playing continuously. Light appetizers, refreshments, and Hawaiian treats will be served. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation, in Raelene's name, to one of her favorite charities - The

Dougy Center, in Portland, Oregon: <https://dougy.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonatetoTheDougyCenter/tabid/126598/Default.aspx>

Casual Hawaiian attire is encouraged.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Backstop Bar & Grill

211 N Grant St

Canby, OR 97013

<http://backstopbarandgrill.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Ms. Young was my kindergarten teacher in Mulino, Oregon. (We called her "Auntie Lee") This must have been in 1974. Being 56 years old now, my memories of kindergarten are quite dim (LOL) But I do remember Auntie Lee as very kind, very easy to talk with and relate to for a 6-year-old. I remember she once peeled an orange for me at lunch time. For some reason, during some classroom activity she played us some records, and one of them was "Georgy Girl" by The Seekers. I always think of her when I hear that song. I remember our classroom being full of love and music. I am so happy to learn that she lived a long and full life and was blessed with a rich and rewarding career, an enduring marriage and two boys of her own. She was a neat lady and I am certain my love of music today has its roots in Auntie Lee's kindergarten class of so long ago. My sincere condolences to her survivors.

Very Sincerely,

Jeremy Bond Shepherd
San Francisco, California
5/25/2025

Jeremy Shepherd - May 25, 2025 at 04:17 PM

MG

“ I taught with Ralene at St John the Apostle I was upstairs with the middle school kids while she taught first grade(I believe). She was such a fun ,kind coworker. I was in awe with how she commanded such cooperation from so many six years olds. She was an amazing teacher and I feel blessed to have worked with her. My condolences to your family.



Maralee Greeno - February 24, 2024 at 01:34 PM

KN

“ Kellie, Rick, Titan, Tay, Riggs & Nellie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Raelene Young.



Kellie, Rick, Titan, Tay, Riggs & Nellie - February 23, 2024 at 10:07 PM

KN

“ Kellie, Rick, Titan, Tay, Riggs & Nellie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raelene Young.

Kellie, Rick, Titan, Tay, Riggs & Nellie - February 23, 2024 at 10:07 PM

JD

“ We have had the privilege of being both neighbors and friends for almost half a century. In the past few years we shared a lot of time talking about the next stage of our lives. She often said she wanted to die before husband Russ. She also wanted to have her celebration of life at the Backstop. Most importantly, I know she would have wanted to go quickly. Of course this was a hypothetical scenario. There was nothing maudlin about the way she shared those wishes. We imagined those things to be carried out in the distant future. Or maybe we would die first. Looking back it seems almost prophetic though. We would never have guessed that her wishes would come true nor the swiftness which she was taken from us. Although I share the deepest sense of grief at the loss of our cherished friend, I take comfort in the fact that she went in the way she would have chosen.

The world has lost a bright shining star! No one could top her generosity, her thoughtfulness, nor her ability to brighten the mood with her infectious laughter! We miss you Raelene, yet your spirit can never be taken from us!

Joyce & John Dull - February 19, 2024 at 01:15 PM

GI

“ Russ, Robb and Family,

I was so saddened to learn of Raelene's passing. My deepest sympathy to you.

Raelene was a true "Kona" girl. Although she had lived in Oregon over these many years, she epitomized the Aloha Spirit. She embodied the qualities of kindness, generosity, humility and humor. She was the hostess with mostess. I will miss our dining adventures of enjoying "local" food.

Raelene will be truly missed. May you find comfort in memories and the support of friends and family.

*Aloha
Georgene Inaba*

Georgene S Inaba - January 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raelene Young.



January 22, 2024 at 03:45 PM

CM

“ Dear Russ, Robb and extended family,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of a wonderful friend. I was privileged to work with Raelene at 2 schools in Oregon City. She was an amazing woman who possessed a wonderful wit, was an excellent educator, and a true friend to everyone.

Her commitment to her students went far beyond the classroom. She was generous with her time and gifts to others.

I am grateful that our friendship continued after we both retired.

Sending comforting thoughts and hugs to all,

Cheryl Marletto

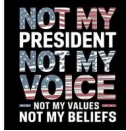
Cheryl Marletto - January 12, 2024 at 08:37 PM

PC

“ *She and Russ have been delightful neighbors for nearly three decades. Raelene brightens one's day even during brief mailbox encounters (especially for her good pal, Trask). This picture is from a neighborhood gathering in January 2020.*



Paul Collins - January 12, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ Russ, Robb and family. I’m so sorry for your loss. I was heart broken when you contacted us to let us know she was gone. Raelene was always such a beautiful spirit. Her generosity with friends amazed me and I loved her often hidden sense of humor. She was always a joy to spend time with and I will truly miss our Happy Hours together.

Please know you are in our prayers. Love Barb, Gary and Keri Butler.

Barbara Van Troyer Butler - January 11, 2024 at 10:24 PM

DG

“ Russ, Rob and family,

We are so sorry and saddened to hear of Raelenes passing. She was an amazing teacher to our daughter. She took my daughter home one day when I had surgery and made jam with her. That is the kind, caring woman that she was. She remained in my daughter’s life off and on through her graduation from high-school. Our family truly loved her. She made a difference in the lives she touched. She was always a ray of sunshine whenever I would run into her through the years.

Please know that our family is thinking of all of you and sending all of our love to lift you up in the days ahead.



Deborah Gitschlag - January 11, 2024 at 05:36 PM

TW

“ *Russ and Robb,*

I am so sorry to hear of Raelene's passing So sad for those left behind but so glorious for her! I can only imagine her joy at being reunited with your beloved son and brother, Ryan.

My first connection to Raelene was being introduced to her by my father-in-law, Martin Walt. They had been carpool buddies when they both taught at Mulino. Raelene always had fun stories to share with me about her time with him.

I loved her and her gracious spirit and was blessed when she came to John McLoughlin.

She was a beloved teacher and coworker. We will never forget her.

May the Lord bring you comfort and sustain you with precious memories in the journey ahead. I will be praying for you both.

Much love, Teri Walt

teri walt - January 11, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *Russ, Robb and Family*

We are so sorry for your loss.

We feel like Raelene was part of our family too. We can't believe she is gone.

We first met Raelene when she was a 2nd Grade teacher at John McLoughlin. Both of our children were blessed to be in her class and she was one of their favorite teachers. She continued to be a part of Matthew and Hannah's lives as they grew older. She kept in contact with them and celebrated their life achievements, jobs, weddings, babies, new houses, etc., just like part of the family.

After she retired, we got to know her even better. We loved sharing time and going out to meals together. She was extremely kind and loving. She was often sharing thoughtful gifts with us and spoiling our grandkids with treats and surprises. Even our granddaughter loved Mrs. Young, just like a part of the family.

Raelene will be greatly missed by many. We hope happy memories will bring you comfort and peace.

*With Love,
Julie and Lee*

Julie Phillips - January 11, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ Raelene Young was an amazing teacher and colleague at John McLoughlin Elementary. She touched so many lives and was an inspiration to watch in action. Her positivity, love for children, and friendship will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. My own children were blessed to be her students. We also attended St John The Apostle Catholic Church together. She attended all of my kiddos first communions and would come to our celebrations afterwards. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time. May they find peace in knowing how loved Raelene Young is and she will forever be in all of our hearts.



Deanna Yglesias - January 11, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Julie Phillips - January 11, 2024 at 02:37 AM



“ Please accept our prayers, sympathies, and hugs for Raelene's passing. We remember Raelene very fondly. Her youngest and our youngest (Matt) were friends. If I remember right, the family purchased a house we looked at (on Telford), down the street from our place on Canemah Rd. She was super friendly, always a "bubble."

Jan and John Salisbury - January 11, 2024 at 12:59 AM