



Rosalee J. Davis

May 24, 1928 - November 15, 2011

Rosalee J. Davis was born in Portland, Oregon to Rosalee J. and Thomas E. Allen. She and her three siblings lived in several parts of Oregon before she graduated from Milwaukie High School.

Rosie lived a full, generous life and will be missed by her family and friends, especially her three grandchildren: Sean, Conor and Shannon. She is survived by her son Casey, wife Iris and three children, Boston, MA; sister Virginia Foster, Milwaukie, OR; sister Pat Hanna, Portland, OR; sister Lynne Eder, Eatonville, WA; and brother Tom Allen, Otis, OR. Rosalee died of complications from a stroke.

In 1948 Rosalee married Wayne Davis and with son Casey, lived mainly in Tacoma before settling in Salem, Oregon. She worked for a prominent architect firm for more than 20 years and then moved to Portland where she worked for Northwest Surgical Associates for the next 13 years.

She was a self-educated woman and an avid reader all her life. Rosie enjoyed challenges such as those found in her profession as a full-charge bookkeeper, Sudoku and crossword puzzles (in ink), coin and stamp collecting, and beautiful cross stitch creations.

At her request, there will be no service. To honor Rosie's habit of generosity,

please send remembrances to a charity of your choice.

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“ *Rosalee J. Davis*

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“ *I first met Rosalee through her son Casey when we were in college. She was the sweetest lady, always a smile on her face and very kind to me. When visiting her home in Salem she would brew a special pot of tea that she originally introduced to me and became one of my favorites. To this day when I see a box of that tea I think of Rosalee with a big smile on my face.*

Casey, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a great lady. So loving and gracious. My mother and brothers are all thinking of you.

May her memory be eternal,

Kathy

Kathy Antonis Melcher - November 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rosie was a wonderful and fun loving person!! She readily had a great laugh and wonderful smile. When I think of her I will always smile. She was so much a part of our family and will be sorely missed!!*

Thinking of all of you!!!

Love, Jane

Jane Krause - November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I will always remember Rosie and still have "Ginger" (Virginia) as both are my favorite patients in our office at Cascade. Over the past few years since Rosie moved to Portland these two sisters would often come in together to talk about their health. They would insist on being placed in the same room and would spend the visit giggling, teasing one another (and sometimes their doctor) and telling me stories like teenagers. They really loved and cared for each other and it showed and was appreciated by all around them. We will miss you Rosie and send Virginia our love from all of us at Cascade Internal Medicine during this difficult time. Please call us Virginia if you need anything!

Lynda Peel - November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Rosie,

You and Virginia were icons of our Pettygrove office of NW Surgical for all of the years you served us there. No matter how down we might be on a bad day you were on top of the world with your great humor, infectious laugh, and wonderful attitude. There was never a problem so big that you could not shrink to a manageable size.

My daughters loved you during the time they worked in the office during the summers and you and Virginia were second mothers to both of them. You watched our home and dogs when we were away and truly you were a real part of our life at work and at home. We will miss you dearly.

Al Krause - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Rosalee was like a mother hen at NWSA where she carefully watched and cared for her flock (surgeons, PAs, & office staff). She was always of great assistance when needed. I still remember her cheerful smile and great laugh.

Leon Q. Colburn, PA - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Casey & Iris -

So sorry for your loss. Thanks for sharing this site with us - your mother sounds like a wonderful sparkle of light.

All our warmest thoughts are with you,

~H & K

Hillary & Keith Slawson - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I first met Rosie when I joined NW Surgical and worked with Virginia. Rosie was a sweet lady who cared alot about other people. She gave me fabric Angel at Christmas in the 1980's and I think of her fondly when I place it on the wall each year. She will truly be missed. Margee Fay

Margee and Dave Fay - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I am reminded of Rosalee daily by the wonderful cross stitch unicorn in my dining room and the beautiful letter "B" on my desk.

Rosalee was a wonderful friend to our family--often staying with Amy and Whip, our hound when Scott and I were out of town.

At Christmas we still bring out the caroling Santa with his noisy bell.

And, of course, I'll never forget our using 26 gallons of paint covering the immense 3-story, flock-covered hallway walls of the Webb house while she lived there.

The children and I all have fond memories and send our love to Virginia.

w

Barbara Page - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ID

“ Even though distance kept us from visiting back and forth more than we would have liked, Mom was caring, loving, supportive and she absolutely doted on her grandchildren.

And I couldn't have asked for a sweeter, more supportive and loving mother-in-law if I'd put the order in myself.

She will be dearly missed.

We love you, Mom.

Casey, Iris, Sean, Conor and Shannon

Iris Davis - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ When our group first formed we proved as hopeless as many other doctors and made a mess of our early hirings. In a subsequent shake up we hired Virginia to handle billing and collections. She made us proud. A few years later we broke an unwritten rule and added Virginia's sister, Rosalee, to help with another mess. Thus began a long friendship among the sisters and all of the partners. Rosalee remained a friend and confidant in the intervening years. I missed her when I moved to Salem to start a satellite for NWSA. As you'd expect she willingly helped me with a few messes there too. She will remain in my fondest memories as friend and coworker

Louise and Jack Bigelow - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EO

“Rosalee you were a loyal friend and diligent employee. You brightened up the offices of North West Surgical Associates with your wonderful attitude and personality serving as our executive secretary, planner, confidant and champion of the children of those of us that worked there. I am particularly grateful for the time you spent training and counseling my daughter, Leigh, in her first summer job as a young high school student.

Leigh, Joe and I will miss you.

Ed Okies

Ed Okies - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Rosalee was a wonderful woman. She was compassionate, sympathetic and helpful. She gave me lots of good advice. I will miss her.

Axel Flichtbeil - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“Rosalee (Mrs Davis actually....force of habit growing up across the street) was like a second Mom for a long time.I'll always have great memories of a very kind, loving LADY. She will be in my best memories growing up in Salem and she will be missed. Jim

Jim McElhinny - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM