



## VONNA SINCLAIR GALLAHER

Vonna Marie Sinclair, 78, a resident of Millridge Homeowners Association, went home to be with JESUS in HEAVEN on December 17 at 9:15pm at her son's home in Portland, OR.

She was born on August 27, 1940 In Elkland, MO. She was the oldest of three children born to Clifford Morris and Lorretta (Edrington) Anglen. She was raised in Hammond, IN and attended Hammond High School, graduating with the Class of 1958. She met her future husband, Paul Sinclair at a Hammond High

School dance when she was a sophomore. They courted for four years and married on August 26, 1960 in Hammond. They settled in Springfield, IL where they had three children: Shannon, the oldest, Paul, and Philip. During this time, she attended Detroit Bible School and Moody Bible Institute.

Vonna had a desire to help people. So, she decided to become a Nurse. She graduated from Parkland College located in Illinois in June, 1971 with a degree as a Registered Nurse. From there, she went to work as an RN at Memorial Hospital in Springfield, IL. While working in the ER, she realized that she wanted to help people relieve their pain. She enrolled in Saint John's Hospital School of Anesthesia located in Springfield, IL in September, 1973. She graduated in March, 1975 with a degree as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). She went back to Memorial Hospital as a CRNA. She worked there until August, 1985 when the family moved to Portland, Oregon where she started work at Good Samaritan Hospital in the Anesthesia Department in August, 1985. She enjoyed working in the Labor and Delivery Department helping deliver babies. This was her passion — to deliver a healthy baby to the parents. She and her husband divorced in 1987. She worked at Good Samaritan until August, 1996 when all of the CRNA positions were eliminated.

She was unemployed a short time, until she decided to become an independent CRNA. She signed up with a company that provided CRNAs to hospitals all over the United States. She maintained her credentials in Oregon while getting credentialed in Kentucky (where her daughter lived), California, and Washington. She did this until March of 1997 when she decided to stay closer to home and started filling in for local CRNAs when they needed a break or got sick. She did this until August of 1999, when a CRNA at Willapa Harbor Hospital in South Bend, WA asked her if she would like to work for him. She did this until her retirement in 2007.

Vonna met her future husband, Curt Gallaher at a nursing home in Hillsboro, OR. Curt was visiting an elder lady there who used to live at Millridge. The lady's daughter showed up with Vonna to visit. Curt thought this was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen, but he didn't say anything to her. It was about two weeks later, Curt was at a prayer service at Beaverton Foursquare Church in Beaverton, OR. He turned around to pray with the people behind him and he came face to face with that most beautiful woman in the world. It was a miracle! They had both been attending this same church for many years, but neither had ever seen each other

before this. They were married in three months on July 16, 1997 until December 17, 2018 when she went home to be with JESUS in HEAVEN.

Her home cooked meals were the best; she enjoyed having her family around her. She adored her grandchildren and was close to her children and their spouses. As a girl, Vonna worked on her grandfather's farm. It was there she learned the value of hard work, a trait she showed and taught her children. Vonna loved music and enjoyed singing in her church choir. She always told the story when she was back in bible college in Chicago that they would go down to the mission and sing during a service. Vonna met a life long friend, Nancy Williams. Vonna was an animal lover, especially Shih Tzus. She was her children and grandchildren's #1 fan. Vonna was a very competitive, passionate person, who loved her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her loving husband, Curt, three children and their spouses: Shannon and Darrick Brilz of Crescent Springs, KY; Paul and Claudine Sinclair of Springfield, OR; Philip and Kimberly Sinclair of Portland, OR; two siblings and their spouses: Clifford M. "Bud" and Sandy Anglen of Springfield, IL and Donna Lee and Joe Barberia, Crown Pointe, IN; eight grandchildren; Darrick, Jennifer, Tim, Paul, Brandon, Ashley, Deven, and Jaden; five nieces and nephews and ten grand nieces and nephews.