



Obituary

Born: Monday, February 13, 1939

Died: Monday, October 28, 2019

Carmen Christensen, 80, of Pendleton, passed away October 28, 2019 from advanced Pulmonary Hypertension. Memorial services will be held at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 1 pm with Pastor Chris Clemons of Pendleton Nazarene officiating.

Carmen was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming to Merna and James Smith on February 13, 1939 and moved to Tacoma, Washington where she grew up and graduated from Stadium High School. She married Jerry Campbell in December 1960 and moved to Pendleton shortly thereafter. She spent her early career working as an insurance adjuster and went on to become an insurance agent for Wheatland Insurance in Pendleton from where she retired. In May 1972 she married Ben Christensen and they spent 31 happily married years together before Ben's death in 2003.

Carmen loved to read and cook and most of all spend time with her family. She couldn't get enough time at the beach eating fresh Dungeness crab and oysters, or playing cards and games with the grandkids. She was an avid baseball fan and lover of piano recitals and art shows for the grandchildren. She and Ben were some of the founding volunteer staff for Mario's Basque BBQ and she cherished her time with her "Old Broads Birthday Club" friends. She was a devoted wife and mother and a truly loyal friend.

Carmen is preceded in death by her parents, James and Merna Smith and her husband, Ben Christensen.

Carmen is survived by her brother, Brian Smith and his wife, Carol of Cameron Park, CA; daughters, Nicole Campbell, of Portland, OR and Michelle Leonard and husband, Kirk, of La Grande, OR; grandchildren, JayCe Leonard and Audrey Peters, and nephews Trevor and Ryan Smith of Santa Rosa and Cameron Park, CA respectively.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Road, Ste. 1000, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or at <https://phassociation.org/donate/>.

Service Summary

Memorial Service

1:00 PM Sun Nov 10, 2019

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop

131 SE Byers Avenue
Pendleton, OR 97801