



Phyllis I Mitchell

June 17, 1936 - June 12, 2025

Longtime Newport and Toledo, Oregon resident, Phyllis Iona (Kilmer) Mitchell, 88, passed away at her residence in Toledo on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Phyllis was born June 17, 1936, to John & Lena (Ayers) Kilmer in Wheelerville, PA. She graduated from Cortland High School in Cortland, New York in 1956. She moved to Oregon in 1956 living in McMinnville, South Beach and Newport before making Toledo her home.

She married Gordon Alfred Mitchell on May 12, 1961, in McMinnville, Oregon.

She worked at General Telephone from the summer of 1956 to April 1962; KNPT Radio from 1973 to 1986; Grimstad & Associates from 1986 until she retired in 1999.

Phyllis was a partner in PT Quilters from 2009 to 2025. She was a member of the Newport Church of the Nazarene where she was head of the Newport Naz Christmas Bazaar, a past Missions President and went on several work and witness trips abroad. She was also a member of the Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild and the local T.O.P.S. Phyllis enjoyed sewing, quilting, painting and knitting.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, John, Charlie, Neil, Joe, Jim, Bradley, Kathryn, Jean, Emma, Faye, Marie, Ellen and Veronica;

son, Dustin Mitchell (Becky); and her husband. She is survived by her daughters; Tammy Sax (Mark) of Toledo, OR and Theresa Kessi (Vernon) of Toledo, OR; son, Shane Mitchell (Toshia) of Swisshome, OR; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00p.m. Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Newport Church of the Nazarene, 227 NW 12th St, in Newport. Pastor Eddie Brown will officiate. Her cremated remains will be laid to rest next to her husband, Gordon Mitchell at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR.

Arrangements were cared for by the Bateman Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial

AUG 9. 2:00 PM (PT)

Newport Church of the Nazarene
227 NW 12th St
Newport, OR 97365