



## Vada C. Campbell

January 20, 1932 - May 31, 2016

### In Memoriam

Vada Corine Sullivan Campbell

Vada C. Campbell, 84, died Tuesday, May 31, 2016, in Wenatchee, Washington.

Born January 20, 1932 in Wood Lake, Cherry County, Nebraska, she was the only child of Harry and Alice May Young Sullivan. Her parents worked on various ranches in Cherry County until 1942, and during that time she learned to ride horseback, even owning her own pony, named Spot. She went to at least ten different schools, several of them one-room schools.

In 1942 the family moved first to Wenatchee, and later to East Wenatchee, where they rented ten acres on Golf Road, now Baker Street. They raised chickens, pigs, and goats, and had a large garden on the property. That land is now the Robert E. Lee Elementary School. She attended grade school in East Wenatchee, and then went to Wenatchee High School, where she graduated in 1950.

Vada Sullivan married Frank Logan Campbell on October 18, 1950 in the Wenatchee Valley Church of the Brethren in Wenatchee. They purchased a home at 710 Highland Drive in Wenatchee, where they raised their children. He died January 6, 1975.

She and Frank had three children: Randy, born in 1952, who is 63 and living with his wife, Toni, in Springfield, Oregon; Lea, born in 1956, who is 60, living in Wenatchee and is a nurse at Confluence Health; and Andy, born in 1966,

who is 49 and lives in Bellingham.

Vada began taking classes at Wenatchee Valley college in 1968, earning her Associate's degree in 1978. That year she moved to Bellingham to attend the Western Washington University. She received her bachelor's degree in 1981 and her Master's degree in 1988, both in Anthropology, graduating magna cum laude.

After graduation, Vada worked for a short time at the Bellingham Herald, and later taught English as a second language in Bellingham, and later assisted a disable man with his schoolwork while he attended Wenatchee Valley College. She loved to teach and share her knowledge with everyone. Children especially loved to have her help them with their reading, and she did volunteer work at many schools and preschools.

Vada lived in Bellingham until 1999, when she moved to East Wenatchee to live near her mother, who was then past 90. She lived in East Wenatchee until 2014 when she moved to Columbia Heights retirement Community in Wenatchee.

Vada loved to travel, and made several trips to Greece to study a culture on the Island of Karpathos for her Master's thesis. During that time, she learned to love all things Greek. She also made a trip to Turkey and Crete with a friend, and much later she and her daughter toured England and Scotland, and later Ireland together. She enjoyed reading, learning, and doing needlepoint. She also enjoyed visits from her family.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1948, her husband in 1975, her step-father, Clyde Mumma, in 1976, and her mother in 2008.

Survivors include three children: Randy Campbell and his wife, Toni, of Springfield, OR, Lea Glenn, R.N. of East Wenatchee, and Andrew Campbell of Bellingham. There are four grandchildren: Daniel Hernandez of Springfield, OR, Rosendo Hernandez of Eugene, OR, Sierra Glenn of Wenatchee, and Taylor Ellner and her husband, Jeff, of East Wenatchee, and a great-granddaughter, Gina Hernandez of Springfield, OR. Also precious to her, though not related, were Glenna and Wayne Atwood and family, mostly in the

Pacific Northwest, and Betty and Don Dodson and family of Eastern Washington.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park, East Wenatchee, Washington. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com).

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

“ A Parable of Motherhood

*The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long?" she asked. And her guide said, "yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."*

*But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So She played with her children, and gathered flowers for them, and life was good. And the young mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."*

*Then night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold; and the mother covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come." And the mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."*

*And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there."*

*So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage; today I have given them strength."*

*And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth—clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said "Look up, lift your eyes to the Light," and the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."*

*And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years. And the mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a*

*shining road and golden gates flung wide.  
And the mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey; and now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."  
And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."  
And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory; she is a living presence."  
By Temple Bailey*

*I read this at the service we had for Mom at St. John's Episcopal Church, Springfield, OR on June 18. It is an essay by Temple Bailey.  
Randy Campbell*

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**Randy Toni Campbell** - June 21, 2016 at 06:02 PM



“ *My condolences to all of Vada's family and friends. I recently lost my own mother and I pray for the comfort of God's presence with you all during this time of grief and loss. Clearly Vada was a wonderful woman-intelligent, a life long learner, and beloved by many. My heart goes out to you, the Reverend Nancy Gallagher, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Springfield, OR*

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**Nancy Gallagher** - June 14, 2016 at 11:37 AM

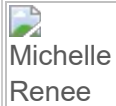
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“ *Sorry for your loss, thank you for sharing and letting me be a part.*



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**Sheila Lancaster** - June 14, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *I am praying for peace comfort and strength for the entire family. May you continue to feel the presence of God. Love and Gentle Hugs your Cousin Michelle Kanatzar*

Michelle Renee - June 14, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss Randy. John Richardson*

John Richardson - June 13, 2016 at 10:13 PM



“ *Dorothy Young lit a candle in memory of Vada C. Campbell*



Dorothy Young - June 13, 2016 at 09:52 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Memories of Mom*



Randy Toni Campbell - June 09, 2016 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Les Welch lit a candle in memory of Vada C. Campbell*

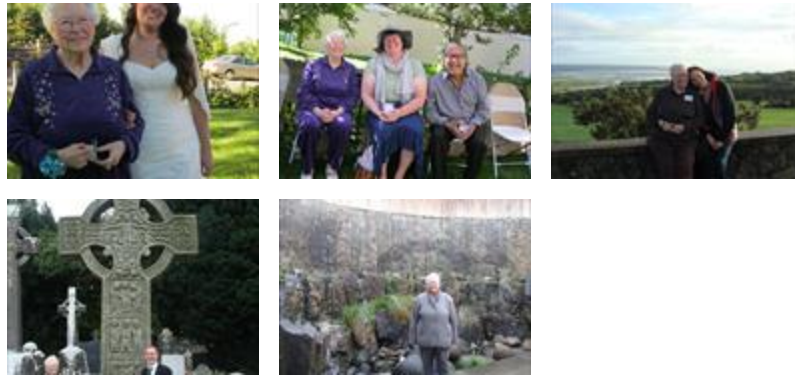


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**Les Welch** - June 09, 2016 at 06:58 AM

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**Lea Glenn** - June 08, 2016 at 10:19 PM

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“ *Vada.....When were kids, you were our second Mom. You and your family went out of your way to make sure that my Mom and us 3 kids were ok and knew that we were loved. I always appreciated the support you showed my Mon when she was left alone with 2 very little kids. I will always remember spending weekends at your house. You would always fix my hair for me and tell me how pretty I was before we went to church.*

*Rest in peace sweet Lady. Love you always! Rhonda*

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**Rhonda Welch** - June 06, 2016 at 10:36 AM



*Rest in peace Veda*

**Les Welch** - June 08, 2016 at 10:17 AM

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“ *Mom--Thank you for all you did for us and for all you were to us. As you have left us for realms of day, know that much love and many prayers go with you.*

*Eternal rest grant unto her, almighty God; let light perpetual shine upon her.*

*May her soul and the souls of all the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

**Randy Toni Campbell** - June 02, 2016 at 05:55 PM

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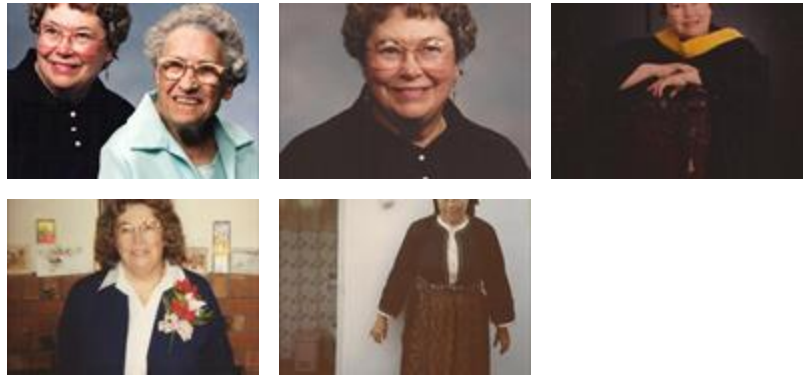
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**Randy Toni Campbell** - June 02, 2016 at 05:51 PM

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**Randy Toni Campbell** - June 02, 2016 at 01:50 PM