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Obituaries

In loving memory of

Tommie Mae Slider

Sunrise
April 27, 1941

Sunset
December 13, 1999

Tommie Mae Slider was born on April 27, 1941 to the late Tom L. Slider, jr. and Frankie B. Slider in Austin, Texas. She was the youngest daughter of four children and shared a special bond while growing up with her sister Louise and two brothers, Ralph & Jim. Tom and Frankie moved to Vancouver, Washington with their four small children in 1942. She grew up in Vancouver and made lots of friends while attending Lieser Road Elementary School and Fort Vancouver, High School. The Slider children were raised together in a home filled with love and respect for the Lord, lots of love and good god. She met and married Ronald Stevens in 1959 and from their union were born two daughters. Stephanie Antoinette and Carmen Rochelle.



everyone loved her unique preparation of oriental cuisine. Those who knew Tommie found her to be loving, kindhearted and always willing to help someone else. She truly loved her family and friends. Her warm personality was like a ray of sunshine and she was always beautifully dressed. You could always find her smiling with outstretched arms to welcome you with a hug and a kiss. Tommie loved life with a passion and found joy in the small things—Sunday family dinners; family picnics; barbecuing in the backyard; a warm fire in the fireplace; and always support of younger family member participation in sporting events.

Her favorite place of comfort was spending time near the water and she enjoyed going to the Oregon Coast. She welcomed many into her lovely home that was always filled with beautiful flowers, good food and music.

Even as the sunset of Tommie's life neared, she knew that the Lord had blessed her to overcome many challenges and she continued to Give God the Glory. She knew that she was a child of God, who allowed her to be a blessing to her family and friends.

Tommie will always be remembered in the hearts of her sister, Louise M. Burton; brother, Ralph B. Slider and James T. Slider, daughters, Stephanie A. Stevens, Carmen R. Stevens and Joyce Love; sister-in-law, Anna Slider; grandchildren, Michoun V. Steven, Misha and Rachel Slider, Shaquita Love, Robert Mosely, jr; granddaughter-in-law, Agnes Stevens; great-grandchildren, Davante and Marquis Stevens; nieces, Kimberly R. Davis, Michelle M. Harper, Kimberly N. Davis; nephews, Jayvin R. Harper and James Davis, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Tommie was a licensed cosmetologist and owned her own beauty salon and wig boutique in Northeast Portland. She had an outstanding reputation for flair and creativity as a hair stylist. Later Tektronix Company employed her as an assembly technician for 15 years and retired in 1982. She was a gifted self-taught seamstress and florist. After retirement she channeled her time and energies to becoming a certified Foster Grandparent with the Casey Family Program, volunteering with the Albinas Ministerial Alliance, Urban League Grandparent Support Group, Sisters Network for Breast Cancer Survivors, and the United Negro College Fund. Tommie also served as an officer on the board of Directors for the National Council of Negro Women - Tri county Chapter. She loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Allen Temple CME Church. "T", as she was lovingly called was an excellent cook and

Children are a priority in family situations

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The start of a new year can be especially stressful for stepfamilies, children as well as adults.

"This is a time when stepparents often are on an emotional rollercoaster, feeling guilt, pain, anger and nostalgia," says Colleen Lewis, director of Family Therapy at William Temple House in northwest Portland. "The holidays bring back memories, both good and bad, of how things used to be before the separation or divorce."

Ms. Lewis and other counselors at William Temple House work with individuals and families from Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah and Clark counties, providing over 9,000 hours of service at no cost in 1999.

"Children are like sponges, they absorb everything, so if youngsters are acting out, it's a symptom of something going on in the family—usually how the parents are treating one another," observes Ms. Lewis. "That's when the parents should see a counselor and seek help."

The free counseling service at William Temple House offers adults help and guidance in working through their relationship problems and recognizing the consequences for their children.

"Divorce is an adult decision, not a

child's," Ms. Lewis emphasizes.

"Children don't have a choice about the divorce, so they need to know they are not the cause. It's imperative

that children's needs come first.

Adults must work to accommodate those needs, not only during the holidays, but throughout the year."

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Annie B. Lenord

Sunrise
July 10, 1915

Sunset
Dec. 11, 1999

Annie B. Lenord was born in Warren, Arkansas on July 10, 1915. Annie came to Portland, Oregon in the early 1940's. She worked as a Domestic Worker and belonged to Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, and a former member of Enterprise Chapter #1 O.E.S.

Annie married Walter Lenord on April 4, 1955. Walter preceded her in death on June 3, 1995. Annie had a sister Charlotte whom also preceded her in death. Annie B. Lenord leaves to cherish her memory: Wendy Lenord, Step Daughter from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Louise L. Waters, Niece from Portland, OR.

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