

Obituary

In Loving Memory

Sybil McMurry

Sybil Mc Murry (Lomax) went home on March 4, 2019. She was born in Kansas on June 23, 1940 to Floyd Lomax and Myra Wynn. She moved to Vanport in 1943, leaving the community just three days before the 1948 Vanport Flood. She spent the rest of her life in Portland where she attended Boise and Jefferson High schools.

Sybil completed an accounting degree at Western Business College. She interned at the Bonneville Power Administration and then continued to work at Bonneville until she retired. She married Oscar McMurry and raised six children and a significant number of extended family children together. Her doors were always open to family and friends to enjoy times together, good food, good music, dominoes and card parties. The gatherings at the Lomax House were regular occurrences in the neighborhood.

Sybil was spiritual and embraced a belief which included Islam and Christianity. She exposed all her children to the highest callings left each to choose their own path. She enjoyed working in her community and belonged to and supported many clubs, most memorable was the Northeast Little League for her five boys, Blacks in Government, Eastern Star and the Jet Set Cruiser because Sybil loved to travel.

Sybil was a generous soul, kind, loyal, down to earth, happy and wise. She shared her wisdom with all her children, grandchildren and her great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Raymond and Eddie Lomax; her stepmother Jeanette Massey; Rosie



Sims, Arilena Moore and brother Louis Wade; her son Keith McMurry, daughter In-law Shandrea Horsley; her grandson Demarcus Bradley and her great grandson Demari Bradley.

Sybil is survived by her long time sister in life Wilma Alcock; bother Abdul Hasan; sisters Sandra, Sharon, Anne, Sylvia Lomax, and Shirley and Daniel Walters; her children Perry Lomax, Ahad Hasan, Lelia Lomax Tyrone Brown, David Lomax, Oscar McMurry and Teresa Lomax, daughter In-law; Kathy Pnevost-Hasan, daughter in-law; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A funeral service will take place on Thursday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at St. Luke Memorial COGIC Church, 2700 N.E. Sumner.

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Jeanette Spencer

Jeanette Spencer, Portland writer and photographer, died on Jan. 26 of liver cancer. She was well known in many communities as an artist, poet and playwright.

In the 1970s, Jeanette was a founding vendor of Portland Saturday Market, where she sold her Oregon Critters, a rabbit fur covered "pet rock." At the time of her death she was working on a history book



about Saturday Market.

Jeanette's cheerfulness, courage and irrepressible energy touched many lives. She was a survivor in the truest sense of the word and will remain a beloved icon of our community.

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, March 17, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Subud Center, 3185 N.E. Regents Dr. Memorial gifts will be dedicated to the completion of her book. For more information, email kristan.aspen@gmail.com or visit anewtradition.com/obituaries/obituary/16941_Jeanette_Spencer.



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