

On The Record

OBITUARY

SANDERS—Maxine Thelma Burgess Sanders, 94, passed away peacefully Dec. 3, 2019, at her home in Veneta, leaving family and friends who will miss her greatly.

Maxine was born on Aug. 21, 1925, in Scottsbluff, Neb., to Henry William Burgess and Edith Zetta



Maxine Sanders

Cooke, the second youngest of 10 children. She grew up in the midst of the depression in Nebraska and South Dakota. She met her future husband and soulmate, Maurice Keith Sanders, in late 1949 in Denver, marrying him on Jan. 28, 1950.

They subsequently moved to Southern California, living most of their lives in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. After their two children,

Michalene Kerry Sanders Douglas-Beck and Maurice Keith Sanders, Jr., reached their early teen years, Maxine attended junior college and then went on to San Fernando Valley State College, which later became California State University, Northridge. After receiving her bachelor of arts degree in sociology, she subsequently earned a master of arts degree in education and her teaching credential.

She worked from 1970 to 1995 in the Los Angeles Unified School District as a teacher and counselor. After 25 years in the education field, she retired and spent many happy years traveling the world with her husband. Following his death in 2006, Maxine moved to Florence for health reasons and enjoyed a new chapter of her life, making many new friends. Later she moved to Veneta, where she continued to live a full life until her death.

She was a generous woman with a great sense

of humor, keen insight into people and an infectious smile. She was an avid reader who loved classical music, travel and her grandchildren, as well as blue martinis and red wine.

She is survived by her daughter, Michalene (Mikie) Kerry Sanders Douglas-Beck of Berthoud, Colo., and her son, Maurice (Maury) Keith Sanders, Jr., of Florence, Ore.; her four grandchildren: Tara Bevin Woodall (Dale Woodall), Trevor Joseph Sanders (Jayme Sanders), Sari Savannah Mayhue (Shaun Mayhue) and Jozi Kerry Pearson (Nick Rosseau); eight great-grandchildren: Dashiell Henry Woodall, Elizabeth Marie Sanders, Annabelle Grace Sanders, Michael Alexander Sanders, Nathan James Sanders, Zoie Aoiveann Kerry del Angel, Kyle Davis Mayhue, Carter Vann Mayhue and Dania Harper Mayhue. She also leaves behind two very special friends whom she loved dearly, Elke Dodd of Florence and Cherie Bray

of Veneta.

There will be a private family gathering during

interment at the Oakwood Memorial Park and Cemetery in Chatsworth, Calif.,

where she will rest for eternity next to the love of her life, Keith.

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