

Mary Kilgore Thomas

Nov. 29, 1943 - Feb. 23, 2001

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Mary Kilgore Thomas, 57 of Albany died Friday of emphysema.

She was born in Cedars, Okla., to Castner and Ethel (Childress) Kilgore. She grew up in Jefferson and attended Albany Union High School. She lived in the Willamette Valley and Redmond, and spent most of her adult life in Springfield.

She was a drag race driver when she was young and had worked for more than 14 years for Albertsons. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and reading.

Surviving are son Gary Gamble of Redmond; daughters Vicktoria Kinney of Amherst, N.Y., Tonja Kling of Springfield, Sherry Reinoehl of Veneta and Linda Hamby of Junction City; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She is also survived by mother Ethel Kilgore of Albany; brothers, Rudy and Bobby Kilgore, both of Albany, Bud Kilgore Jr. of Sweet Home, and Jimmy Kilgore of Philomath; sisters Judy Johnston and Betty Draper, both of Albany, and Pat Donovan of Du Pont, Wash. Her father, Castner Kilgore, preceded her in death.

Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial gathering from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Riverside Grange, 39253 Riverside Drive S. W., Albany. Chaplain Dan Wilson will officiate.

Contributions in her name may be made to the American Lung Association, in care of Fisher Funeral Home, P.O. Box 156, Albany, Ore., 97321