

Linda Tunison

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Lynnda Transue, 58, of Albany died Tuesday at her daughter's Albany home.

Born in Los Angeles, she graduated in 1961 from Albany Union High School. She married Bill Transue in February of 1961, and they divorced.

Mrs. Transue earned an associate's degree in nursing from Chemeketa Community College in 1974 and bachelor's degree psychology and nursing from Southern Oregon University in 1985. She was named the university's Woman of the Year and Outstanding Baccalaureate Nursing Student.

She earned master's degrees in public health and nursing from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and was named the Robert Woodruff Fellow in Nursing. In 1994 she earned post-graduate certification in psychiatric and mental health nursing from Oregon Health and Science University.

She worked in psychiatric and health services for the Oregon Department of Corrections. In Georgia she was a nurse in the alcohol, drug and eating disorders unit at Decatur Hospital and was a nurse practitioner at the Grady Memorial Hospital Infectious Disease Clinic.

Next she was a senior planner for Carter-Globe Associates in Washington, D. C., and then a family mental health nurse practitioner for the Oregon Department of Corrections in Salem. She retired in 2001.

She wrote articles and gave presentations on various nursing specialties during her medical career.

Mrs. Transue belonged to Sigma Theta Tau, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American Correctional Health Services Association. She was a former member of the Spring Hill Country Club.

Surviving are son Michael of Ruston, Wash.; daughter Carole Richard of Albany; mother Jenetta "Jen" (Blodgett) Tunison of Albany; brother Jerry Tunison of Portland; and grandchildren Kristen and Jacob Richard and Katie and Caroline Transue.

Her father, A. J. "Bud" Tunison, died earlier.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Fisher Funeral Home, with Pastor Mark Peterson officiating. A committal service will be at Oaklawn Memorial Mausoleum in Corvallis.

Contributions in Mrs. Transue's name may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, in care of Fisher Funeral Home, P.O. Box 156, Albany, Ore. 97321