

Gwendolyn Marie Fowler

Nov. 22, 1950 to Sept. 2, 2018



Gwen Fowler aka Given Bliss passed away early in the morning Sunday September 2nd, 2018 with her family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her mother Lougena Mae Dexter Fowler August 26, 1929-March 15, 1950 and father Wayne Allen Fowler November 29, 1919-March 22, 2006.

Gwen is survived by her daughters Adrienne Golding Neerenberg and Hannah Golding Hayden, her sisters Wanda Rose (Pete) Simmons, Hannah Diann (Tinker) French, brothers Wayne (Bo) Fowler Jr, and Merle Fowler, and companion Brett Arvidson, and Adrienne's daughters Norah, Nancy and Nellie, and Hannah's daughter Maecy.

Friends and family attended a Memorial gathering for Gwen at Foothills City Park, in Lake Oswego, Oregon on Saturday, October 20th remembering her with loving words, song, henna tattoos and poetry.

Gwen and Brett lived at Oak Harbor Washington, where he continues to reside. They loved the area, and some of her ashes will be placed when the Garry Oak is planted in the park in Oak Harbor in the spring. There will also be a plaque installed there in her memory.

Oak Harbor is "located most beautifully on a gentle slope rising from a wide beach of pure white sand. Scattered about over the town site are beautiful oak groves, affording refreshing shade and pleasing to the eye." [author F.B. Hawes in his 1913 book Island County, A World Beater]

The Garry oak is described as aesthetically pleasing with rugged bark, thick, gnarled limbs and a shaggy crown. Sometimes described as a symbol of nobility combined with strength, This magnificent form of oak species became living monuments for early Oak Harbor citizens when loved ones were dramatically lost.

Here is how the family came to this dedication: Brett is the project engineer for the new waste water treatment plant in Oak Harbor. During this project the park underwent a restoration which includes a splash pad, and replacing a number of the oak trees. Because Gwen loved plants and birds and worms it just seemed like the perfect thing to purchase a tree in her name and mix some of her in with the earth when it's dedicated. Like it is said – Nobility and Strength.

Namaste' Gwen, Wendy, Given.