



## Effie Magdalena Sims

October 30, 1938 - March 24, 2023

Effie Magdalene (Groves) Sims, age 84, of Vancouver, passed away on March 24, 2023.

On Oct. 30, 1938, Effie Magdalene was born to Ruth Groves in Jacksonville, FL. Her middle name was acquired from her father's Mexican heritage, while her beauty was acquired from her mother.

Early in her childhood, Effie's family began a series of moves out west. They made a few stops in Texas, settled for a while in Roswell, NM, before eventually landing in Vancouver, WA. Shortly after their arrival in Vancouver, her mother, Ruth, died. Effie was just 16.

As a young mother, Effie delighted in her sons and demonstrated great resolve, providing for them as a single parent. It was in that season, she met and married Wayne Sims. Together, they forged a life built on God's grace. Adventure was found in the outdoors alongside Wayne, through advocating for Al-Anon participants and serving in various roles at New Heights Church. Effie's life wasn't without struggles, but she found steadiness in Jesus.

A stranger to no one, Effie loved people. From neighbors, family, Bible study friends, to passersby on the street, Effie loved a good visit. Her most favorite people being her family.

Effie is survived by her husband of 37 years, Wayne Sims; her two sons, Jerry (Tonio) Walsh, Patrick Michael (Tonya) Walsh; four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Mikey, Kristin Effie, Josh; two great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dedie. Effie was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth; two brothers, Mike and Butch;

and her sister, Bonnie.

A memorial service will be held at New Heights Church, Central Vancouver Campus on Saturday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m. 7913 NE 58th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98665.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I did not get to meet Effie, but I am a friend of her loving husband Wayne. May she rest in peace.

Julie Westman Bronson - April 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ In our pre pandemic days, I recall sitting with Effie in the back of the room, holding her coffee and praising the Lord. She will be missed by many especially Wayne. Rest in peace dear Effie!

Susan Privette - April 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Susan Privette lit a candle in memory of Effie Magdalena Sims



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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Effie Magdalena Sims - March 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM