Pallbearers

Michael Whitfield
David Reyes
Lucas Whitfield
Ben Reyes
Robert Sandoval
Peter Hale

Interment

Riverside Memorial Park, immediately following the service

Reception

Family and friends are warmly invited to the parish hall following the interment

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers and expressions of sympathy shown during this time of loss. Your love has carried us.

The Whitfield Family

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

IN LOVING MEMORY



Eleanor Marie Whitfield

March 4, 1942 – August 20, 2026

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, August 29, 2026 at 11:00 AM
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
140 Maple Street, Portland, Oregon

Order of Service

Prelude
Processional
Opening Prayer — Rev. Thomas Bell
Hymn — Amazing Grace
Scripture Reading — Psalm 23
Remembrances — Family and Friends
Eulogy — Michael Whitfield
Hymn — How Great Thou Art
Closing Prayer
Recessional

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
Psalm 23:1–3

Her Life

Eleanor Marie Whitfield, 84, of Portland, Oregon, passed away peacefully at home on August 20, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Eleanor was born on March 4, 1942, in Bend, Oregon, to Harold and Ruth Sandoval. She grew up on the family orchard, where she learned the patience and generosity that would define her life. After graduating from Bend High School in 1960, she attended Oregon State University, earning a degree in education. It was there she met James Whitfield, whom she married in 1964. They shared 51 years together until his passing in 2015.

For thirty-two years Eleanor taught second grade at Woodlawn Elementary, where generations of Portland children learned to read at her knee. She never forgot a student's name and kept every drawing they ever gave her. After retiring in 1998 she volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank every Tuesday, tended a rose garden that stopped traffic on Maple Street, and hosted a Sunday dinner that no one was ever allowed to miss.

She is survived by her children, Michael (Sarah) Whitfield and Anne (David) Reyes; her grandchildren, Emma, Lucas, Sophia and Ben; her sister, Margaret Sandoval; and countless friends who became family. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, and her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Oregon Food Bank in Eleanor's name.