



# Raynola Blackshear

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“Only a moment you stayed, but what an imprint your footprints have left on our hearts.” Dorothy Ferguson, Poet  
Raynola F. Blackshear

Raynola F. Blackshear was born to the late Ramon and Katie Thompson Ortega on May 23, 1921, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. She had four brothers, Raymond, Reuben, Karl, and Donnie (preceded her in death), three sisters, Vedrene, Dolores (Pretty) (preceded her in death), and Brenda. In her early childhood, she relocated with her parents to Kansas City, Kansas, graduating with perfect attendance from Sumner High School in 1939. After high school, she continued her studies.

Raynola married Earl Blackshear (preceded her in death) in 1945 and joined him early in their marriage for four years when he was stationed in Japan. Her lifetime commitment to global community service distinguished her as a leader in her community. She was the Past President of the Toastmistress International, charter member of the Links, Inc. Tacoma, whose mission she supported of engaging in educational, civic, and inter-cultural activities in the communities they serve, and Washington state parliamentarian. As parliamentarian, she presided over governors' meetings where she famously said “this man is going to be president one day” regarding Bill Clinton.

Raynola's career expanded over many years until retirement. She had a distinguished career as secretary to the Commanding Generals at Ft. Lewis, home to I Corps which later merged as Ft. Lewis/McChord (JLMB), 62d Airlift Wing Southwest Tacoma, Washington. She was a member of the Life Center Church in Tacoma, Washington.

Raynola and Earl handprints are all over the nieces' and nephews' lives, inspiring them to community service. As the matriarch, along the way, she was more than an aunt, but a mother. She was an accomplished woman, taking the natural talents she was born with and used them to create a life filled with caring, compassion, kindness, and love. These are the gifts always seen and refreshed in the family. We will forever respect her for the aunt and mother to us all. The wind



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beneath our wings allowed us to soar so high that we touched the sky. We wanted her to stay with us, but she went to sleep, and a higher power called her name, and she went to receive her crown.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories and legacy one sister Brenda (whom she named) Williams (Fritz), nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces, and nephews, and cousins. She also leaves one brother-in-law, Robert Williams, and a host of friends.




# Events


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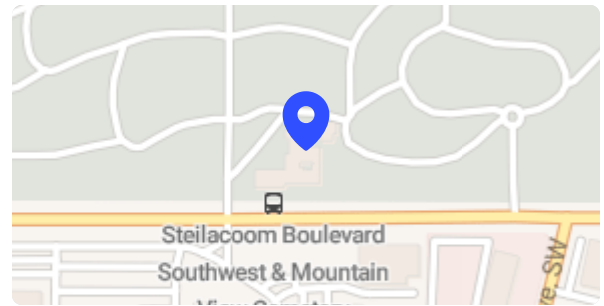
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## Homegoing Service

 **Sunday**, August 1, 2021


 2:00 PM PT


 **Garden Chapel**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA  
98499

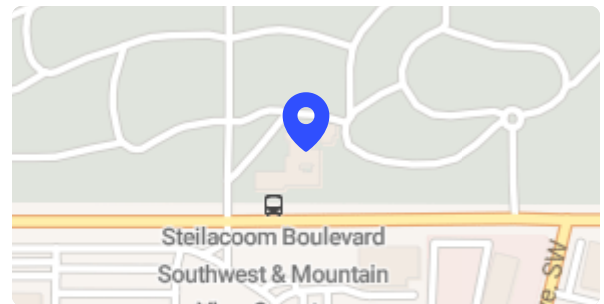


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 **Sunday**, August 1, 2021

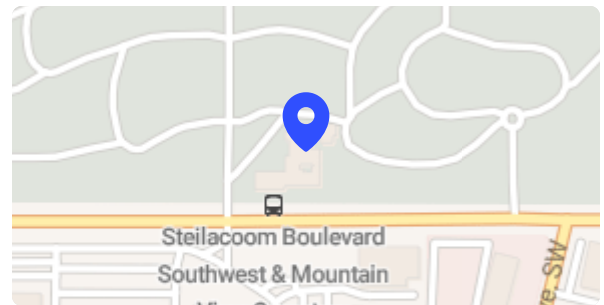
 3:00 PM PT

 **Willow Room - Celebration of Life Building on the grounds of Mountain View Memorial Park**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, LAKEWOOD WA 98499



## Cemetery Details

 **Mountain View Memorial Park**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA  
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# Tribute Wall

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**Mountain View Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Crematory** shared a **Webcast Video**.

July 30 at 11:31 AM



**Monya Ortega-Jennings** lit a candle in honor of Raynola.

December 8 at 5:35 AM



**Guest** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

July 30 at 7:58 PM



**MJ** **Monya Ortega-Jennings** December 8 at 5:35 AM  
Absolutely beautiful and she looks so much like Aunt Ramona.



**Vera Spruill** shared an album called **Memories Album**.

July 29 at 8:42 AM





# Media

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**Guest** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

July 30 at 7:58 PM



**Earl & Raynola Blackshear**



Vera Spruill shared 17 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

July 29 at 8:42 AM





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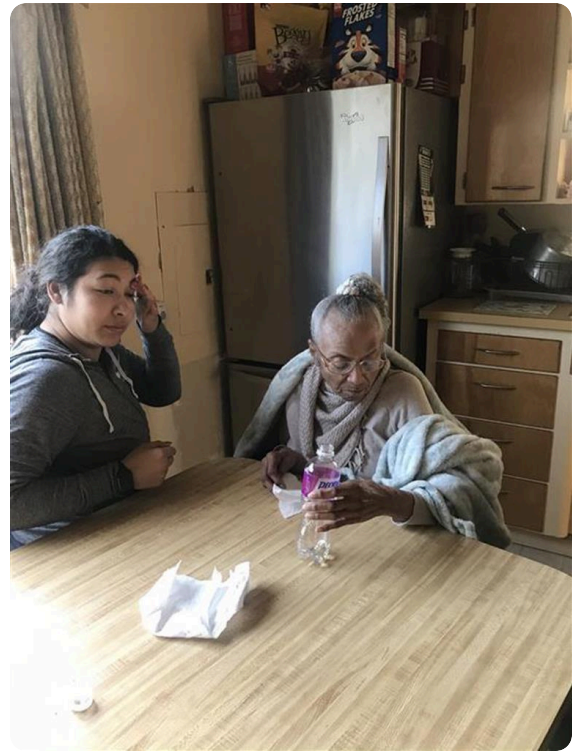


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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raynola by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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