



## Corinne Marie Stout

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Corinne Stout, co-founder of Stout's Cider Mill in Willcox, Arizona and Reading Teacher Extraordinaire both in California and Arizona, passed early Sunday morning, Feb. 16th in her 98th year. She is survived by her husband, Ron Stout, of 49 years; two sisters, Marilyn Erickson of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and Geneva Lemman of McMinnville, Oregon; son John Kellogg of Oro Valley, Arizona, a daughter Kristi Stevens of Kauai, Hawaii; Rick Stout of El Cajon, California, and Robin Leksell of Willcox, Arizona; plus nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Corinne grew up in West Liberty, Iowa, the oldest of Jess and Ruth Foster. During high school at West Liberty, she participated in every activity she could: cheerleading, high school drama, choral groups, etc. She dated Phillip Aiken regularly, who became a Navy pilot and was killed flying. After high school there, she matriculated to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1938 where she obtained a 2-year Elementary School Teaching Degree in 1940. She dated Sam Koster who later went to West Point and rose to rank of three star General. After teaching for a year in a one-room elementary school, she married Warren Kellogg and went to Boston with him as he was being trained to be a Naval Officer. She spent her time in Boston visiting our country's historic spots.

After Warren was commissioned Ensign, he was assigned to the USS Virgo AKA 20-an Attack Cargo Ship in San Francisco. Also aboard the Virgo was Thomas Heggen, who wrote the 1946 novel "Mr. Roberts" about this ship. One day Warren did not come home from duty, his ship had secretly deployed to the South Pacific. Corinne went into the Navy recruiting office and signed up as a civilian Navy employee. She was sent to metallurgical school for 4 months and became an inspector of R4D aircraft at Douglas Aircraft plant in California for the rest of WW2. Corrine drove a scooter all over the plant in Santa Monica. The job offered her fun, freedom, and a paycheck. What else could a young, carefree woman want? How about a husband! Actually, she inspected both riveted and welded assemblies of the tail section. She negated rumors of "hanky-panky" among the Rosie with male employees, saying, "Listen, we were building airplanes that our husbands, brothers, sons, or perhaps even fathers might be riding on. We wanted them safe." Thus she was a bona fide Rosie the Riveter and was a member of that organization for the rest of her life. She happened to be in San Francisco the day the war ended. She never forgot the wild joy everyone felt.

After the war, Warren and Corrine travelled the South and Midwest with a tent show - an early twentieth century entertainment media that disappeared with advent of TV. Warren was the laborer, and Corinne was the ingénue in the stage play. Later, they bought and operated a motel in Newport, Beach, California for several years before moving to Julian, California on a small farm. Warren fell ill with leukemia and suddenly died in the 1960's.

Corrine became an elementary school teacher in Julian and travelled regularly to San Diego State College to obtain a higher teaching degree.

Subsequently, Corrine met Ron Stout, who had recently retired as Resident Manager of Eastman Dillon Union Securities, a New York Stock Exchange

firm and had become an independent Registered Investment Advisor. Ron had custody of his three children from a previous marriage who were all living on a huge ranch that the Stouts had just purchased. They all loved Corinne. Ron and Corinne were married on Thanksgiving Day, 1970.

They built a large home on the ranch, raised their family, Corinne retired, and they became disenchanted with California. They chose to move to Arizona in 1980, where Corinne was immediately picked up by Ron Nelson and the school system. She taught here until 1985, when she retired again, at which time they built and operated Stout's Cider Mill on the Interstate until they retired for the final time in 2011.

Corinne loved birds and had a bird watching station right outside her living room window. She read the Bible cover to cover three times, the American Standard twice, and the NIV once. Ron's children - Ronda, Rick and Robin- became her own, so with her marriage family they combined for five children, nine grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Memorials can be sent to [touchinglives.org](http://touchinglives.org) or Grace Chapel, Willcox, Arizona. A Celebration of Life will be held at Grace Chapel on Saturday, March 7th at 2:00 PM. You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com) Arrangements entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (MT)

Grace Chapel  
753 W. Maley Street  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Corinne Marie Stout*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *what a wonderful obituary, what a wonderful life she had. She lived life fully and with purpose. I never knew she had done all those things. She was teacher to two of my children and that is how I remember her. Later years I would remember her driving through town in her red "lexus" fairly quick with the hood down. She loved life and I am sure she is loving heaven. She was a hoot and I was blessed to have known her. She will be missed for sure*

**Bonnie Diehl** - March 08, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Bonnie Diehl lit a candle in memory of Corinne Marie Stout*



**Bonnie Diehl** - March 08, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ *Sending sympathy and comfort from our family to yours. Lujane and Rick Sweeney.*

**lujane sweeney** - March 07, 2020 at 01:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Corinne Marie Stout.*



March 06, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *Love & Prayers from Corinne's Grace Chapel family. purchased the Red, White & Blue Standing Wreath for the family of Corinne Marie Stout.*



**Love & Prayers from Corinne's Grace Chapel family.** - March 03, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Phillip and Rebecca Asbury purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket for the family of Corinne Marie Stout.*



**Phillip and Rebecca Asbury** - March 03, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.  
Julie & Savannah Laurence*

**Laurence** - February 19, 2020 at 06:34 PM

SA

“ *Susan&John Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Corinne Marie Stout*



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**Susan&John Arbuthnot** - February 18, 2020 at 10:15 AM

AS

“ *Ashley Shaver lit a candle in memory of Corinne Marie Stout*



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**Ashley Shaver** - February 17, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ *God Bless the Stout family in this difficult time. I have many good memories of Corinne when I lived and taught school in Willcox.*

*Patricia Riggs Inman  
Tucson*

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**Patricia Inman** - February 17, 2020 at 11:12 PM

MW

“ *What a wonderful story teller. She gave a presentation of her life for our ladies prayer group. She shared all of her life stories, including when she was a Rosie the riveter. She came dressed like that and was so cute. She was a very dear person and will be truly missed.*

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**Mary Womack** - February 17, 2020 at 10:52 PM

CB

“ Our love and prayers go to all the family. Corinne became a part of our family through our daughter-in-law, Erin and we are so glad we got to know her better over the years. She was a beautiful christian lady. She will be dearly missed.

*Marty and Cheryl Bowlby*

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**Cheryl Bowlby** - February 17, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Corinne Marie Stout*



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**Betsy Ajeman** - February 17, 2020 at 08:44 PM

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“ *Amber Holmberg lit a candle in memory of Corinne Marie Stout*



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**Amber Holmberg** - February 17, 2020 at 08:08 PM

DS

*My condolences to the family and her many friends. She touched many lives*

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**Danielle Sanchez** - February 18, 2020 at 06:04 AM

DL

“ *Dakota Levine lit a candle in memory of  
Corinne Marie Stout*



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**Dakota Levine** - February 17, 2020 at 04:07 PM