



## FLORIST

### Morrison's Florist



Nell Morrison was surprised her florist shop, Morrison's Florist, received Best of the Best for the second year in a row.

"It's hard to believe, but I'm honored to get it again," said Nell with a smile. "I have been here all these years and we treat people the way we want to be treated."

When Nell's two children were little, she decided to start a business from her home. After contemplating a career as a beautician, she decided she'd rather be a florist instead. On opening day, Nell said she was scared to death, but now, nearly 51 years later, she still has a successful career in the same location, 100 Clark Street in McMinnville.

"I went to a Woodbury flower shop for training for three months working for free just to learn," laughed Nell. "I will never forget making my first spray. I had used such a big piece of Styrofoam and my friend, Jean Anderson, was trying so hard not to

laugh at my creation."

Morrison's Florist offers a variety of colorful fresh and silk flower arrangements, as well as other gift options such as wind chimes, pictures, music boxes and angel figurines.

Nell has been working along with her husband, Carl, for 49 years and credits him for being a good designer, but an even better listener. That comes in handy because a lot of customers come in just to sit awhile.

"People come to visit with me and that's what I like most," explained Nell. "We have four chairs up front. You don't have to buy flowers to come in, sit and talk because this is a visiting place."

Morrison's Florist is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursday and Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Taking second place is McMinnville's Florist, with third place going to Rainbow Flowers & Gifts.



## COFFEE

### The Coffee Cat



This coffee will make you purr for another cup.

First place for best coffee goes to The Coffee Cat, located at Northgate Shopping Center.

"We are excited and grateful to have been voted Best of the Best by our customers," said owner Teresa Paris.

The coffee shop opened in November 2017 by owners Cassandra Eckel and Teresa Paris. They took over a business formerly known as Pink Gorilla.

This particular business only serves specialty medium roast coffee beans. The Coffee Cat grounds the beans several times a day for all its coffee. Teresa says they like to put their best in every drink like their specialty frappes and lattes.

They offer not only the usual espresso drinks that customers usually expect, but also real-fruit smoothies and slushes too.

The Coffee Cat is not only restricted to drinks, but it also sells food.

In the morning, they have breakfast burritos and pastries to start off the work day. For lunch, they offer many different foods for all taste buds. They say the items have been well received.

Teresa says, We will continue to expand these offerings with more items made popu-

lar by Paris Café.

Teresa owned her past business, Paris Café, and uses some of her popular food and drink items for her new business Coffee Cat. These special items that the Coffee Cat is known for has made her business No. 1 in coffee.

The Coffee Cat has only been in McMinnville a short time, but has already made a name for itself.

The business is located at 231 Northgate Drive. It's open Tuesday thru Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The café is closed Mondays and Sundays.

Second place goes to McDonald's and third place is Bojangles.

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