



Barbara June Gibbons

April 2, 1933 - March 6, 2015

Barbara Coffman Gibbons, 81, died March 6, 2015, in her home of 48 years surrounded by her loving family.

Barbara and family moved to Wenatchee in July 1963 when her husband, Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Gibbons joined the Wenatchee Valley Clinic as their 18th physician.

Barbara was born April 2nd, 1933 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Coffman Jr. in Oklahoma City, OK. Her father's career as an executive with Sears Roebuck & Co. required them to live in numerous locations around the United States and Canada. They were able to stay in Pittsburgh, PA during Barbara's high school years, graduating from Mt. Lebanon High School in 1951.

Barbara entered a Bachelor of Science Nursing program at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, where, in 1953, she met first year medical student and future husband, Jerry. She was proud to have been the first of several family members who have graduated from the University of Rochester Schools of Nursing or Medicine.

The couple was married September 3, 1955 in Burlington, Ontario, Canada – the home of her parents. Barbara worked as an RN, helping support Jerry as he finished medical school (1957), then Internship and a Surgical Residency

at the University of Washington/Harborview (1957-1963). After moving to Wenatchee with their 3 children, Barbara devoted her time and energy to raising and caring for her family, forming and maintaining lifelong friendships and being involved in her community. She loved their home on Chatham Hill and made it a warm, welcome retreat. Jerry and Barbara celebrated 59 ½ years of marriage 3 days before her death.

Barbara was grateful to call Wenatchee home for 52 years. She was involved in many activities including Women's Medical Auxiliary, Jr. and Sr. Hospital Guild, Follies, Meals on Wheels and PEO Chapter CC. She also enjoyed her bridge groups, Nine Hole golf companions and Centipede Dance Club. Barbara was a huge fan of the many activities in which her children were engaged – skiing, football, volleyball, tennis, baseball, Applettes, swimming etc. This carried over as her 11 grandchildren participated in the same activities, even adding a few. She was a devoted sports fan and followed her teams daily. Barbara and Jerry traveled extensively around the world. She enjoyed most those that required special effort; rafting the Grand Canyon, hiking within sight of the Mt. Everest base camp, cycling trips to Costa Rica, England and the west, backpacking through Europe, a FUMC mission to Guatemala and annual ski trips with family and friends. A special sanctuary was their Lake Wenatchee cabin where for almost 40 years family and friends have gathered to enjoy summer and winter activities and watched many beautiful sunsets.

Barbara will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family and her friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Lawrence and Roberta (Spurgeon) Coffman. She is survived by her husband Dr. Gerald Gibbons, her children: Dr. Wallace and Anne Gibbons (Wenatchee) and their children, Natalie, Cody and Robyn; John and Cathy (Gibbons) Pariseau (Spokane) and their children,

Daniel, Joseph, John, Anne and Marie; Jack and Becky (Gibbons) Schwaegler (Seattle) and their children, Sarah, Claire and Jack.

Services will be held in Wenatchee, Washington April 4, 2015 at 11:00 am at the First United Methodist Church. Remembrances may be made to: P.E.O. Foundation CC/WA (scholarships) P.O. Box 1843, Wenatchee, WA 98807, the Community Foundation of NCW, or a charity of your choice. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

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