



Genevieve "Gen" Beatrice Gollehon

May 31, 1911 - September 26, 2012

Genevieve (Gen) Beatrice Gollehon passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Gen was born in Spokane on May 31, 1911 to Hiram and Elizabeth Wilson. She attended school in Spokane and graduated from Whitworth College in 1935. Gen taught at Mansfield High School from 1936 – 1938. She met her future husband Robert Gollehon while in Mansfield and they were married in 1938. In 1942 they moved to Waterville where they owned and operated Du Rite Insurance Company and Robert was mayor for 22 years. While living in Waterville, Gen was very active in the Federated Church as choir director, organist and was also an American Red Cross volunteer.

In 1973 Robert passed away and Gen moved to Wenatchee where she continued to volunteer for the American Red Cross and the Seattle Children's Orthopedic Hospital Auxiliary. She was the pianist for many years at the 8:00 a.m. United Methodist Church service and also active in Sarah Circle and XYZ. Gen was also a founding member of the Waterville Community Foundation and was proud to be able to give back to the Waterville community she loved.

Gen touched the lives of many people during her long life and will be remembered for her love of music and playing the organ and piano. She played the organ up to the last 3 years of her life and many evenings could be

heard singing hymns before falling asleep at her home at Cherry Lane Country Haven. Cherry Lane was Gen's home for over 12 years and Linda and her staff were family. Thank you Linda and staff for your loving and compassionate care of our special lady. If Gen would have us remember one thing, it would be: know Jesus, live, walk, trust and rest in Him.

Gen was preceded in death by her husband Bob, her son, John who was killed in a rock climbing accident in 1957 and her sister Helen Hoidal. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn and grandson, John and his wife Katie of Seattle.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Wenatchee October 6th at 2:00 p.m. Gen requested that memorials be made in lieu of flowers to the United Methodist Church or the Waterville Community Foundation.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just received a digital recording of my grandmother's funeral service, and I suspect that Genevieve played the organ at her funeral.

Newton L. Simmons - April 28, 2024 at 09:43 PM

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“ Gordon And Sandra Law lit a candle in memory of Genevieve "Gen" Beatrice Gollehon



Gordon and Sandra Law - October 03, 2012 at 01:10 PM

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To the family of Gen, We were part of the Wenatchee Methodist Chapel gang when she played the organ on Sundays. She will be remembered as a dear friend, a willing volunteer, with a big heart and smile. We send you all our deepest sympathy in memory of dear Genevieve, who will be missed.

Gordon and Sandra Law - October 03, 2012 at 01:15 PM