



Irene Elizabeth Ferguson

October 24, 1928 - November 17, 2019

Irene Elizabeth "Rene"

Jennings Ferguson

Wenatchee, WA

Irene Elizabeth "Rene" Jennings Ferguson, 91, died peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends. She was born in Butte, MT, on October 24, 1928, to James M. Jennings and Viola Goggin Jennings. She lived in Butte while attending school. She later resided at St. Thomas Orphanage in Helena, MT, until the age of 16, at which time, she began working as a nanny. She met Weldon Easley, they married, and moved to Everett, WA. They had one child, Angela. They moved to Wenatchee, WA, in 1957, and divorced in 1960. Rene met the love of her life, Richard "Fig" Ferguson and married him in 1962. They had a wonderful opportunity to travel to some exotic locations where they made lifelong friends.

When diagnosed with breast cancer, she did not let that slow her down. She began volunteering for Reach to Recovery, helping other women cope with the debilitating disease. She devoted several years to this worthwhile endeavor. Rene was a longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary and served as President twice. She sat on many committees, using her many

talents. She was also a longtime member of the Eagles.

Rene was preceded in death by her husband, "Fig" of 52 years; her sister; and three brothers. She is survived by daughter, Angela Jennings; step-daughters: Barbara Kasteel of Walla Walla, WA, and Karen Knudsen of Lynnwood, WA; nieces; nephews; Vietnam sons; many, many more friends; and a very special friend, Louise McKinnon.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 625 S. Elliott Ave., Wenatchee, WA, on December 6, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow at the American Legion Post 10, 208 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA.. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice Home Care Services, 1020 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA.

Previous Events

Mass

DEC 6. 3:00 PM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S Elliott
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-4569
<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>

Tribute Wall

GD

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Gloria DeChand - December 05, 2019 at 07:31 PM

BR

“ Irene was the matriarch of the Wenatchee Eagles Club. I cannot begin to express how blessed I am to have met her. I loved her sparkling, mischievous eyes, her all encompassing smile, hearing her stories of being an orphan, her love for her sister who taught her to dance and Rene passing those steps down to us to enjoy. Devan made sure her birthdays were celebrated every year at the Eagles with balloons and cake. How lucky we were to share her 91st at the Halloween party on October 25. She wore a skeleton costume and won the best female costume to a standing ovation. Irene loved to dance. She was always on the dance floor with both young and older men. I said to myself, how does she do that? So I asked her. She told me "Honey, if they don't ask you, then you ask them." She never knew the word "wallflower". Our world has grow has grown dimmer without her and that radiating smile.

Barbara Robertson - December 05, 2019 at 03:29 PM

SW

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Sharon Wysaske - December 02, 2019 at 07:43 PM

SW

“ I will miss seeing Irene walking into the Eagles on Friday and Saturday nights with Devan. She was such a great lady she will be missed by everyone.

Sharon

Sharon Wysaske - December 02, 2019 at 07:38 PM

CL

“ Irene was a special friend of my dearest aunt, the late Jane Smith. Always full of life and fun, she will always be remembered for her cheerful spirit. Thankfully, that loving spirit lives on in her oh so loyal friend and late in life caregiver, Aunt Jane's daughter, Devan Norman.

Cindy Leichner - November 30, 2019 at 08:48 PM

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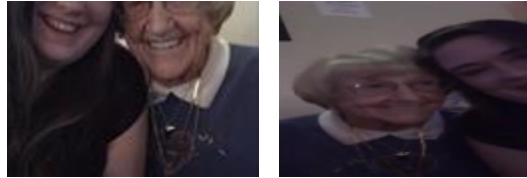
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Gloria DeChand - November 26, 2019 at 01:56 AM

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Gloria DeChand - November 26, 2019 at 01:48 AM

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Gloria DeChand - November 25, 2019 at 10:05 PM

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Gloria DeChand - November 25, 2019 at 09:50 PM

RW

“ Devan Norman brought Irene to the Eagles almost every Friday and Saturday and she so loved listening to, as she would say, Devan’s most beautiful voice. She was like a mom/aunt to Devan and she loved Devan as much as Devan loved her, she will be so missed. My daughter and her friends loved Irene she was a unique lady whom everyone loved. I can not believe she is gone we were just dancing with her a few weeks before her passing and she was laughing and fine. So sad I will never forget her and the bond she and Devan had it was so special.”

Gloria

Rhonda Webster - November 25, 2019 at 09:41 PM

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Gloria DeChand - November 25, 2019 at 09:21 PM

RW

“ Irene was a very special lady who was taken too soon..she was always smiling, and love to go dancing.RIP Renebell.. you will be missed...”

Rhonda Webster - November 25, 2019 at 06:31 PM

KD

“ *She will surely be missed. It is so surprising that she went so quickly considering how vibrant she was. Also, a big thank you to Devon for taking such wonderful care of her all of these years.*

Kelly D - November 25, 2019 at 03:43 PM