



Jean Knox

August 15, 1942 - March 2, 2019

Carolyn "Jean" Knox went to be with her Lord on Saturday, March 2, 2019. She was 76 years old. Born in Phoenix, Arizona on August 15, 1942 to B.W. and Christine Copeland, Jean grew up in Prescott, Arizona. She was an excellent student, and in 1955 placed 2nd in the National Spelling Bee. She received her Bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education from Pepperdine College in Los Angeles in 1964. It was there that she met Randy Knox, her husband of 54 years. They were married on August 21, 1964, then enjoyed a honeymoon that included camping and hiking in Sequoia National Park.

Jean began her professional career teaching in Los Angeles, then was a secretary for the Department of Modern Languages at Oregon State University while Randy attended graduate school. The couple moved to Yakima, Washington in 1975 where Jean was a homemaker and substitute teacher. Her favorite job was as the Administrative Assistant to the President of Heritage College in Toppenish, Washington - a position she sadly relinquished when Randy accepted a job in Western Washington. While living in Port Orchard they were able to fulfill a dream of building their own house in a beautiful wooded area just outside town. Jean finished her working years as a Computer and Legal Assistant for the Law Firm of Leggett & Kram. In 2005 the couple retired and moved to Wenatchee, Washington.

Jean had an eye for beauty, and a skill for creating and capturing it in her garden, needlework, and in watercolor paintings. She painted and exhibited works regularly with the Two Rivers Gallery in Wenatchee. Wherever Jean was, music took center stage. When she wasn't singing with the symphony chorus or at church, she could often be found playing piano with friends and family. Throughout her lifetime Jean was a generous supporter of conservation and religious organizations, and an active member of the community and the Church of Christ wherever she lived, teaching classes, singing, and volunteering.

Jean and Randy loved to travel. Early on it was mostly camping and traveling to visit family, and later they traveled extensively around the US and internationally, including multiple trips to the Southwest, Alaska, Hawaii and Florida, as well as Canada, Germany, Greece, Fiji, Mexico, Panama, and the Caribbean. In November 2018 the couple traveled to Washington DC and then cruised up the East Coast to Nova Scotia. Shortly after returning from that trip, she was diagnosed with cancer.

Jean is survived by her husband, Randy, her children Matt Knox of Kent, Washington and Mona Hern of Pendleton, Oregon, and her four grandchildren, Carly (Knox) Salerno, Lyndi Knox, Theron Hern and Zoe Hern. A memorial service will be held at the King's Orchard Church of Christ at 1:00 PM on March 30, 2019. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Christian Relief Fund, Eastern European Missions, or The Nature Conservancy.

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“ *Jean was my sister-in-law. I was remembering this morning..... It was 1971 and I was getting married in my parents home and Jean was helping my mom get things ready. Jean decided we needed more flowers so she went to the backyard and gathered up blooms and branches and whatever she could find. The arrangements Jean made were 100 times prettier than what the Florist had delivered. She had many talents! She is missed.*

Sharla Pitts - March 08, 2019 at 03:01 PM

MH

“ In the summer of 2018 we enjoyed this beautiful day starting at the Maryhill Museum and continuing to a day with extended family at my great-aunt Joyce’s celebration of life. The hills around Goldendale, Washington are full of happy Knox family memories of family, camping, and rock hounding. So glad we shared this day Mom. ❤️



Mona Hern - March 07, 2019 at 10:13 PM

BJ

“ Jean is my 1st cousin. I also grew up in Prescott and attended the same congregation Jean attended. We both had August birthdays so we would often have joint birthday parties. She was one year older than me. When Jean returned from competing in the national spelling bee, there was a line of cars from town to the airport. It was a BIG deal. I have many happy memories with Jean. We will really miss her, but looking forward to seeing her again in heaven. She is a precious lady and I love her dearly.
Bob Jackson

Bob Jackson - March 06, 2019 at 10:18 AM