



Katherine Fischbourne

November 3, 1922 - September 28, 2011

Katherine Fishbourne, 88, of Wenatchee passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, surrounded by her family. She was born on November 5th, 1922 in Twila, Kentucky to Gus and Susan Schoening. At the age of 4, Katherine's family moved from Kentucky to Blaine, WA, where the family settled and she and her 6 siblings were raised. She graduated from Blaine High School and six days later married her sweetheart, William "Bill" Fishbourne on June 5th, 1942. Katherine and Bill made their first home in Seattle, WA. Their first daughter, Sharon, was born in Seattle and shortly thereafter Bill was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II. Katherine and Sharon moved back to Blaine during Bill's overseas duty. Upon her husband's return from his Army service, Katherine and Bill made their home in Ferndale, WA, where they were blessed with four additional children: Bill Junior; Jeanne, Susan and Paul. In 1956, they moved to Manson, WA, to manage a 500-acre ranch. Katherine managed her home and garden with an amazing ability. Soon they were blessed with son Jim, and two years later another son David. In 1962, they moved to Cashmere, WA, and eventually moved to Wenatchee.

Katherine's love in life was her family. Her greatest joy was to be surrounded by her family, to cook & bake for them, and always be there for them.

Katherine's full cookie jar, her homemade cinnamon rolls, and dinner rolls were known as home staples.

Katherine and Bill shared their devotion to the Lord and Savior by serving

others with the love of Christ. Their priority was to raise their family to have a personal relationship with Christ, and a constant prayer support helped guide the family. Katherine touched others by sharing her servant's heart in hospitality both at home and at church. Katherine's dinner table always had room for more.

Over the years, Katherine has so often reflected on the 15 years she and Bill shared after his retirement, traveling together in their motor home throughout the U.S, visiting new-found relatives and friends from their past. After 58 ½ years of marriage, Katherine said good-bye to her husband and best friend. As Katherine grieved her loss, her deep faith and positive attitude prevailed, and she moved forward to live a life of joy and sharing with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In 2002, Katherine moved into Colonial Vista Retirement Apartments where she met many new friends. She was chosen Valentine Queen, the Red Hat Club's Queen of the Okanogan Valley, as well as resident of the month many times. She involved herself in day trips, bazaars, volunteer work in the office, and hostess assistant on a consistent basis.

Katherine is survived by her devoted children: Sharon (Kingsley) Johnson of Seattle, WA, Bill (Nannette) Fishbourne of Wenatchee, Jeanne (Bob) Kelly of Seattle, WA, Susan (Phil) Rogers of Wenatchee, Paul (Mary) Fishbourne of East Wenatchee, Jim (Nancy) Fishbourne East Wenatchee, David (Cindy) Fishbourne of Wenatchee; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; her sister Mary (Richard) Lind-Speidel of Lynnwood, WA, brother Bill (May) Schoening of Salem, Oregon, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill, her parents, her brothers, Otis, John, Robert and sister Minnie.

A graveside Service of Celebration will be held at 11:00 A.M.on October 1, 2011 at the Wenatchee City Cemetery.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com

Services are under the direction of Jones & Jones ~ Bett's Funeral Home,

Wenatchee, WA.

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ I was privileged to live at her home many years ago when I was a college student (friend of Susan), and I do remember her wonderful home cooked meals and her rolls! She also had a great sense of humor! But most of all, I remember her heart of kindness and love for others and for the Lord. When I think of her, it makes me smile! Her children were blessed with a great Mom!

Linda(Ferrell)Congdon

Linda Congdon - October 11, 2011 at 08:47 PM

DM

“ I was Katherine's bus driver at Colonial Vista for 5 years from 2006 thru April of this year and she was my favorite. What a delightful Christian lady. When we would go on the bus for lunch at a local restaurant it was a bonus to sit next to her at the table. My last lunch as the driver was in April of this year and I was able to sit next to Katherine! She would always tell me after we got back to Colonial Vista and I helped her down the steps of the bus, "thank you Don, it was a great day". I will always remember Katherine, a wonderful human being! Sincerely, Don Miller

don miller - October 03, 2011 at 11:36 PM

KS

“ *Katherine was a wonderful lady, she always had a bright smile and a story about her family to share with you. She was very proud of her family. I met Katherine visiting my grandmother Anna Lowe at Colonial Vista and saw her almost daily since January. I was very glad to get to know her and I believe she is looking down from Heaven smiling over her family.*

*Kim Sparks
East Wenatchee*

Kim Sparks - October 01, 2011 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ *Bill,*

I am sorry for your loss.

John Barta

John Barta - October 01, 2011 at 01:10 PM

DW

“ *Denise Ward lit a candle in memory of
Katherine Fischbourne*



Denise Ward - October 01, 2011 at 12:01 PM

DW

Katherine was one of the most loving, joyful people I have ever known. Her legacy is a happy, fun and loving family.

Denise Ward - October 01, 2011 at 12:04 PM