



Marina Haley

November 7, 1945 - January 27, 2023

Marina Haley, a cherished mother, grandmother, sister and friend, known and respected for the compassion and care she showed as a home health and hospice nurse, died Friday, January 27 after a brief illness. She was 77.

She was born Marina Gale Meyers in Bend, Oregon on November 7, 1945, to Lou and Ila Meyers. The 1964 queen of the Bend Water Pageant during high school, Marina went on to graduate from Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Portland in 1967.

After stops in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Beaverton, Oregon, Marina moved to Leavenworth in 1977 and enjoyed getting involved in the Upper Valley community. She joined a friend group that remained close until her death more than 45 years later. She served on the Leavenworth City Council for many years and started youth soccer and recreation programs in town to help keep the local kids (including her own) busy with healthy activities.

In commemoration of her years of service, "Marina Haley Field" in Enchantment Park opened in 1992 and she threw the ceremonial first pitch. It was fortunate she wasn't on the receiving end of that pitch because she was known to close her eyes when balls came her way. Many kids, including daughter Megan and her friends, played on that field over the next 30 years.

Also in 1992, Marina built her home off Ski Hill Drive in Leavenworth, where she lived for the rest of her life. In the spring and summer, she loved to read on the deck, care for her garden, take walks at Ski Hill to look at wildflowers, and was a regular in the summer water exercise class at the Leavenworth City Pool. When the weather kept her inside, Marina enjoyed watching home improvement shows and crime dramas, spending time with family and friends, keeping up with the latest neighborhood, city and national political happenings, and spoiling her dogs, Binky and then Cooper.

Marina retired in 2010 after decades as a home health and hospice nurse for Central Washington Hospital. She touched the lives of so many with her calm, knowledgeable and comforting approach, continuing to help families through difficult times long after her retirement. She treasured the lifelong friendships she maintained with her nursing school classmates, co-workers, and families of her patients.

Marina is survived by her sister Gayna (Terry) Miles, son Justin (Christina) Haley, daughter Megan Haley (Chris) Nelson, daughter-in-law Stephanie Haley, and three beautiful granddaughters that she adored, Madeleine, Abby and Kate. She was preceded in death by her father and mother.

Marina was passionate about death with dignity and donations in her memory can be made to End of Life Washington (<https://endoflifewa.org>). Arrangements assisted by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home. The family is planning a service in the spring, when her life can be celebrated with sunshine and wildflowers.

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Marina was a wonderful colleague, friend, and a great nurse!

Every spring she would share stories of her "wild flower walks" and grin from ear to ear as she recounted all the interesting flowers she identified. Marina always had a quick wit and beautiful smile. She will be missed, but always remembered!



Cynthia Phillippi - February 10, 2023 at 07:36 PM

TW

“ Dear Marina, you are a part of my heart. I wonder if I ever told you just how much I loved you. I hope you knew. For the past nearly 30 years, as a group of the Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing class of '67 have gathered for a weekend or more, we have shared our hearts and souls. I have always called us my "nurse" gang. And of course, early on, we adopted our sweet Holly. Our gatherings will not be complete going forward, but we will toast you, burn a candle, and eat molasses cookies.

Love you, Tami Weitman

Tami Weitman - February 08, 2023 at 07:06 PM

DN

“ I've only known you for a few years, but I always looked forward to the summer and at water exercises I was just talking about how much longer until the pool opens so we could get together. I know you don't like the Chicken Dance, but we will play it for you anyway, but it won't be the same without you. You will be missed by your pool family. Debbie Nelson

Debbie Nelson - February 04, 2023 at 06:58 PM

LB

“ Marina was a friend for over 50 years and she will always be in my memories and my heart. Marina loved her family, her dogs, her friends and walking on Cannon Beach. Our last walk there in October will always be a special one. Your Mom will be missed. ❤️

Linda Bloom - February 03, 2023 at 01:26 PM

CP

“ I remember well when she moved here, Justin and Megan you were little and I baby sat you at the Evergreen Inn while they looked for a place to live. I loved your mother very much, such a sweet Lady.
Cindy Puckett

Cindy Puckett - February 02, 2023 at 08:28 PM

HS

“ Marina was and always will be a wonderful friend. She told it how it was! No icing- just real truth. I loved the words you wrote about her accomplishments and how she was always there for the good. She was a fighter and someone you could count on. She loved being a nurse. holly schoenknecht(i am a nurse and i was adopted by the Emanuel nurse group about 30 years ago.

holly schoenknecht - February 02, 2023 at 08:02 PM

BD

“ I did not know your Mother in law Stephany, but I just wanted to send you my condolences! Your Mom told me how close you were to her! I know what a heartbreak it is losing someone that you love so much! My heart is with you Sweetie! Love you!❤️❤️🙏🙏

Becky Daggett - February 02, 2023 at 01:53 PM

DH

Marina was always available to talk and share encouragement to those in need. So sorry for your loss.
Delta Holloway

Delta Holloway - February 02, 2023 at 07:08 PM

KS

I knew Marina from working at Home Health with her. She was smart, kind, and had a good sense of humor. When she did the paperwork for me to see a patient she'd seen, to provide PT service, her directions for finding the house were always perfectly clear. I remember that she took a rare day off of work to watch the construction of a pedestrian bridge she had campaigned for.
Kathy Spencer

Kathy Spencer - February 06, 2023 at 02:03 PM

PE

“ Justin and Megan,

Thoughts and prayers are with you! My name is Patti Eggleston. I was your third grade teacher in Leavenworth. Your mom was so beautiful inside and out!!! The following poem reminds me so much of your mother:

*In the rising sun and it's going down,
we remember them
In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter,
we remember them
In the opening of buds and the warmth of summer,
we remember them
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them
When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them
When we are lost and sick at heart
we remember them
When we have joys we yearn to share
we remember them
So long as we live, they too shall live
For they are now a part of us
we remember them*

*Much love,
Patti Eggleston
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Wenatchee, WA 98801*

Patti Eggleston - February 02, 2023 at 10:23 AM

JP

I knew Marina through working at Central Washington Hospital. I was impressed with her professionalism as a Nurse, her warm smile, and gracious personality.

Jack Powers - February 06, 2023 at 09:41 PM