



S. Kaye Petersen

September 7, 1932 - April 10, 2019

When things go wrong as they sometimes will and the road she traveled seemed all uphill,* Kaye Petersen doubled down and kept going.

Until her remaining energy finally gave out.

Shirley Kaye Petersen, age 86, died on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 in her retirement home apartment in East Wenatchee, Washington. Her five daughters and many friends and family were near, wishing her comfortable passage.

Kaye took great pleasure in her large and extended family. In conversation openers, she often referred to her five daughters and to her family history in the Mansfield area wheat and cattle ranching community.

Shirley Kaye was born on September 7, 1932, her parents were Henry Madison Gallaher and Ellen Murison Gallaher. She was born in her Gallaher grandparent's home on Dyer Hill, a large octagon shaped house and architectural landmark in Douglas County, built by Kaye's Great Grandfather James Madison Kinney.

Shirley Kaye resided with her parents and sister in a small house on the Gallaher ranch until 1938 when the family moved 12 miles to Mansfield so Kaye could attend school. Shirley Kaye and her sister Mary Ellen appear side by side in photos from their earliest years at the ranch, very close sisters throughout their lives as evidenced by nearly one million (estimated) subsequent family photos of them together, side by side.

Kaye graduated from Mansfield High School in 1950. She married David

Petersen, they were later divorced, and she raised their family of girls in Mansfield and Wenatchee.

Raising five daughters involved lots of twists and turns that she navigated with tenacity, but facing those challenges was not all Kaye was made up of.

Kaye energetically filled her life to the brim attending to the family she loved deeply through well-honed skills in cooking, sewing, chauffeuring and refereeing. And she devoted well springs of energy to vigorous pursuit of interests she keenly enjoyed, gardening, arts and crafts, and travel.

4H projects, picnics, swimming lessons, ballgames, college trips, sister spats, time honored words of wisdom.

Decorated cakes, gingerbread houses, Santa cookies, pies, canning, flower arrangements, homemade wreaths and candles.

Peas, beans, tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, roses, lilacs, tulips, daffodils, forsythia. Peonies!

Penticton, Vancouver, Victoria, Seoul, Beijing, Tokyo, Nagoya, Jakarta, London, Cairo, East Coast Fall Colors, Washington, DC. New York City, cruises in Alaska, on the Queen Mary, boat trips on the Yangtze and Nile rivers, a camel ride.

Ever resourceful, Kaye could eliminate bull snakes with the garden hoe, achieve holiday miracles with a hot glue gun, and climb the Great Wall of China or know the reason why.

Shirley Kaye was a dedicated and valued co-worker, polite, gracious and unassuming, appreciated for her reliable hard work over the years at the Mansfield Mercantile, the Grange Supply, Stewart Construction, and the Douglas County Auditor's Office. The church she attended most recently is Faith Presbyterian.

She leaves behind her daughters, Suzanne and husband Terry Tanneberg, Leslie and husband Wayne Myers, Mona Hartman and fiancé Nelson Maler

(Wes Hartman deceased), Karen and husband Bill Kneadler, Noreen Reis and husband Phil Barrett, her grandchildren Gus Miller, Sage Miller, step grandson Nash Miller, Alexandra Hartman Moore and husband Will Moore, J. Hayes Hartman, Sarah Kneadler, Vernon Reis, and Violet Anastasia Reis, her sister Mary Ellen and husband Darold Wax, and numerous cousins.

Services in honor of her memory will be held May 4, 2019, beginning at 11:00 am, at the United Protestant Church in Mansfield and at the Mansfield Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Mansfield Community Center. Viewing is available prior at the Jones and Jones-Betts Funeral Home in Wenatchee. Gifts in Kaye Petersen's memory may be donated to the Mansfield Scholarship Foundation.

*Fireside poet, John Greenleaf Whittier's "Don't Quit"

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
302 9thStreet
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-1561
dante@jonesjonesbetts.com

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

Mansfield United Protestant
Mansfield, WA 98830

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sister's and I have so many memories of our visits to Wenatchee to visit our Gallaher cousins. Shirley Kaye was always so gracious to welcome us into her home (and especially her garden) that we learned something new every year. Her love of her family was paramount and we always felt special because our dad, David Gallaher, was killed when we were very young and she and her sister, Mary Ellen , wrapped their arms around us every time that we visited. I speak for my sisters, Marcia & Patty in offering our condolences to "Kaye's" family! We have a new angel in Heaven!!*

Sheran Gallaher Krall - April 21, 2019 at 11:17 PM