



## Yvonne J. Allen

May 18, 1935 - July 15, 2014

Yvonne “Vonnie” Jane Allen, 79, of East Wenatchee, WA, passed away peacefully with loved ones by her side and went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 after a long battle with breast cancer. Vonnie was born May 18, 1935 to Clyde and Emma Coffman in Norman, OK. She was the second eldest of four, with one older sister and two younger brothers. She spent much of her younger life in Norman and raised two beautiful daughters, Janie and Linda. In Norman, she fostered an appetite for hard work and horses, as she and her family bred, trained, and showed Arabian horses.

In 1975, she moved to Wenatchee, joining her parents, brothers, and sister, all having relocated to the Valley years earlier. After arriving to the Valley, she met the love of her life, Dr. Frank Allen, and they married in 1976. Within a few years, both her daughters and their families relocated to Wenatchee as well.

Within her first few years of settling in Wenatchee, Vonnie was introduced to the game of golf. It soon became her hobby of choice, and much to his dismay, she quickly surpassed her husband with her talents on the course. She joined the 9-hole ladies group at the Wenatchee Golf and Country Club, and could often be found at the top of the leader board. The ladies admired not only her skills on the course, but also her skills in the card room during the off season, and valued her friendship, laughter and kindness. At the earliest opportunity, she introduced all three of her grandkids to the game, who all

continue to play. Golf will always be part of her living legacy.

An avid gardener, Vonnie spent time curating the gardens around her home, taking a great deal of pride in her roses, peonies, and hydrangeas. She loved boats and the water, and spent many weekends in Lake Chelan and took frequent vacations to Hawaii to find pleasure in the sounds of the ocean and calmness brought by a quiet beach.

Her family meant the world to her. She was a very supportive and loving grandmother. She enjoyed spoiling her grandkids and attending their sporting events, band concerts, and dance recitals. She was overjoyed with the birth of each great grandchild and eagerly watched as her family continued to grow.

Vonnie had a great passion for life. She lived with the kind of tenacity and boldness not always found today, with a gentle kindness and appreciation for simple things as well. She rarely let her poor health stand in between her and her life. She would rather be on the golf course or with her family than anywhere else. She will always be remembered for being strong yet gentle, tough but kind, and having an ever-lifting spirit.

Vonnie is survived by two brothers, Phil Coffman of Wenatchee and his wife Cheryl, and Bud Coffman of Wenatchee and his wife Glenda; two daughters, Janie Eurton of East Wenatchee and her husband Mike Eurton, and Linda Henkel of Waterville, and her husband Mike Henkel; three grandchildren, Justin Eurton of East Wenatchee, Lindsay Lawrence of East Wenatchee and her husband David Lawrence, and Erica Matsushima of Renton and her husband Scott Matsushima; and three great-grandchildren, Kylinn Eurton and Jaxon Eurton of East Wenatchee, children of Justin Eurton, and Lucas Matsushima of Renton, son of Erica and Scott Matsushima. She was preceded in death by both her parents, Clyde and Emma Coffman, and her sister, Mary Lou.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, at 428 King St, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Graveside service will be private. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL **21**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Luke's Episcopal  
428 King  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My Cousin had the voice of an Angel & taught me to harmonize while we did the dishes. I always looked up to her & will miss her. Take special care of you foe me dear one, love you! Cousin Sally*

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