



## Anna Marie Burden

April 1, 1950 - February 5, 2017

ANNA MARIE (ROYER) BURDEN April 1, 1950 ~ February 5, 2017 Anna Burden, 66, passed away in her sleep in the early morning hours of February 5, 2017, at her home in Vancouver, WA, shortly after coming down with the flu. She was born on April 1, 1950 to Eunice and Rowland Royer at Fort Ord, CA, while her father was in the Army. She grew up in Vancouver from the age of six and graduated from Evergreen High School, there becoming the youngest editor to that date of the school newspaper. Anna married Gerald "Jerry" Burden on October 15, 1977, in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. They lived in Tualatin, OR, until 1986 and then relocated to Orange County, CA, with her husband's employment. Anna had an outstanding 30 year career as a real estate Escrow Officer and Manager, the first ten years being in the Portland area and the next 20 years in Orange County, CA. Throughout her career she participated in escrow industry professional associations and could always be counted on to contribute her time and efforts to the educational, regulatory and legislative objectives of the industry. On four occasions in Oregon and California, she served as President of her county and state level associations. Upon retiring in 2006, she found a home she loved in the Fairway Village community of Vancouver and she and her husband moved back from Southern California. She enjoyed every day her eleven years here. As always, she was involved in the community and generously contributed her time and talents to Fairway Village groups, clubs and committees. She was currently serving on the Fairway Village Homeowner's Association Board of Directors and had just

completed a year as President of the Fairway Village Ladies Golf Club. Anna was a devoted member of the Laurelwood Baptist Church and made it to services every Sunday even though she was limited by a back problem during her last year. She also loved being a member of Laurelwood Ladies Bible Study and was a regular member of the Bible Study group at Fairway Village. Anna is survived by her husband, Jerry; two children: Cynthia Davidson of Beaverton, OR and Timothy Davidson of Vancouver; stepson, David (Lynette) Burden of Shepherdsville, KY; brother, Duane (Linda) Royer of Vancouver; sister, Cheryl (Dan) O'Donnell of Vancouver; four grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and by stepdaughter, Christine Nichols of Lafayette, OR. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 12:30 PM at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684. Donations may be made in her name at Laurelwood Baptist Church, 17015 NE 6th St., Vancouver, WA 98684. Please sign her guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Anna was in the Village Bible Study with me as well as attending my church. Her energy and enthusiastic spirit was always a bless. Praying for the family.

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**CARLEY WECKS** - February 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We enjoyed being with Anna in the Wednesday group she will be missed by all of us.

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**Jackie and Phil MacArthur** - February 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ What a beautiful woman, Mrs. Burden was. I am very sorry to read of your loss. With her accomplishments, her love and joys, she was an amazing woman! I won't pretend to know what you're going through, but what has helped me deal with the loss of those I love, is turning to the Scriptures, something that has been a real source of comfort. One Scripture that gives me hope is, John 11:25, which says, "Jesus said to her: I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." I hope that this verse will also comfort you and, I hope you and your family can get through this difficult time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your beloved wife, mother, grandma and friend. Sincerely, Meryl, jw.org

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**Meryl** - February 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Anna was a joy to us. She started coming to our Wednesday evening Bible Study group about a year ago. Her big laugh made us happy, as did getting to know her better. She earnestly desired to grow in the knowledge of God, and that also brought joy to all of us. We miss her very much.

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**Dann and Jeanie Jennings** - February 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Anna was a special part of our Wednesday night Bible study group. She laughed easy, and made our group more complete. We miss her smile.

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**Lisa Slater** - February 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am heart broken and deeply saddened with Anna's passing. I met Anna in 2009 when my husband and I first moved to Fairway Village. I started golfing then and paired up with Anna many times. I enjoyed riding in her cart, but always held on for dear life because she drove like a crazy lady!! When I was president of the Ladies Golf club, she and I worked on the by-laws and the rules. She was a wealth of information and I learned so much from her. When Anna took on a project, she gave it her all. She was dedicated to so many issues. She loved her family with all her heart, especially her grandchildren. Anna helped me through some very trying times and I am a better person because of her. Thank you Anna. God bless you. May you rest in peace.

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**Barbara Whiteman** - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM