



Barbara Ruth Johnston

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Barbara Johnston, 75, of Vancouver, WA, passed peacefully. She was the daughter of Roy Carl Copen and Betty L. Copen. Barbara spent her life in Vancouver, growing up in the Lincoln neighborhood. She earned her degree at Emmanuel Nursing School in Portland, OR. Barbara moved to Culver City, CA to work in the hospital, marrying Tom Harold, and having her son Jeffery. She decided to move back to the Northwest to raise Jeff. Barbara married Terry Johnston. She joined the working team at Saint Joe's Hospital (now PeaceHealth) and worked there for 43 years until her retirement. Barbara enjoyed traveling, crossword puzzles, the Trail Blazers, working in her yard, and her prize possession, Mykea, her Boston Terrier. She loved to shop whether she needed anything or not and going to Starbucks. She loved Christmas and decorations of many red Cardinals. Barbara leaves behind her siblings: Steven Copen from Vancouver, Laura Kirk (Kelly), Roy Copen (Hazel), and David Copen (Debbie) from Ohio; son, Jeffery and grandson, Alex from Vancouver; and cousin, Cathy Anglin (Jeff) and longtime friend, Bob Hanson, both from Vancouver. She was preceded in death by grandparents; mother and father; husbands, Tom and Terry; brother, Carl; and her uncles and aunts. Private services for Barbara are being held with family. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits

Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of your from David, Deb, Danielle, and Angela.

David & Debra Copen - April 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To family and Pam I was sorry about Barbara. I have known her since she was 4 years old. She was standing at the foot of my bed when my son was born, she was a candy striper and 16 years old. I worked with her for many years at VMH and at Southwest Washington Medical Center (now Peace Health.)

Jeanine Bailiff - April 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM