



Betty Jo Urdahl

November 5, 1937 - September 19, 2015

BETTY JO "JODY" URDAHL November 5, 1937 ~ September 19, 2015 "Jody was a devoted and loving wife and mother." Betty Jo "Jody" Urdahl, 77, celebrated life from 1937 to 2015. After battling dementia in a memory care facility in Vancouver, WA over the last year, Jody passed on Sept. 19, 2015. She was born in Yakima, WA to Francis and Doris Cornwall. Jody enjoyed a fulfilling career, early on teaching Biology and Physical Education and later transitioning to Guidance Counselor in the Vancouver Schools. She achieved her B.A. in Education from Central Washington University and a M.A. in Counseling from Lewis & Clark College. After retiring from the Vancouver School District, she enjoyed traveling, the arts, and visiting with family and friends. Places she enjoyed were the Oregon Coast, Alaska, Hawaii, Caribbean Cruising, and 17 years of winter migration to Lake Havasu City, AZ. Jody was a long time Oregon Symphony Season Patron and supported local artists in her travels. She enjoyed the flowers in her yard and neighborhood walks. Jody made friends everywhere. She looked for the good in people. She talked with everyone and was a very good listener right to the end. Jody is survived by her caring husband of 57 years, Chuck Urdahl; daughter, Kari Andrell; son, Steve Urdahl; grandchildren, Ray Andrell, Aubrey (Urdahl) De La Bruere, Haley Urdahl, and Hanson Urdahl; great-grandchildren, Jackson Andrell, Clara Andrell, and Bridget De La Bruere; brother, Carl Cornwall; niece, Kelly Wright; and nephews, Kevin and Craig Cornwall. The family would like to recognize the care givers at the Hampton Salmon Creek and Kaiser

Team for their dedication and striving to provide a comfortable environment for the residents. A memorial service for Jody will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 N.E. 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684 on Sat., Oct. 3, 2015 at 12:30p.m., with reception following. In place of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Jody Urdahl. Please sign her guestbook at www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 03:19 PM

LG

“ May your memories be only of all the years spent in joy. She was a wonderful lady.

Linda Guenther - October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Kari, I loved your Mom while at Shumway and beyond. She was the most mellow of my friends and I could always get warm fuzzies from her. Hugs to you and your dad.

Betty Nelson - October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ So sorry to hear about Jody, remember the good times and take care. I still remember the time you arrived in the Cariboo with a trunk full of fire wood!! Way back then we didn't have to buy it, now we do, big money for a little bundle!!

Dayle Campbell - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Wish we could have came down to the Memorial. All our thoughts are with you On this difficult day. My all our memories live on. Hope to see you all sometime. Come for a visit. With all our sympathy Else and Allan

Elsie Brigden - September 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Chuck and Family: Words cannot express the friendship and time we spent together at Lake Havasu. Jody will not be forgotten as she is in our prayers and thoughts.*

Janet & Dick Bertrand - September 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM