



Esther Lee Thoreson

May 24, 1941 - June 7, 2017

ESTHER THORESON Esther Thoreson of Vancouver, WA, passed away peacefully at home on June 7, 2017 following a brief struggle with cancer. She was born in Portland, OR, moved several times with her family, including to the Philippines, then back to Portland where she attended Grant High School. Esther married, had two children, began a long career at the telephone company and made Vancouver her home. She worked, raised her family and maintained long-term friendships. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, exercising, painting, puzzles and games. She loved traveling, and shared a passion for gardening alongside another love of her life, Richard Pierson. ~ Esther was a wonderful mother and friend. ~ She is survived by Richard; son, Terry Thoreson (Debbie); daughter, Wendy Bryan (Chuck); 3 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; treasured sister, Jean Merritte; dear cousin, Judy St. John, and others. A memorial will be held on Sat., June 17, 12:30 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Donations may be made in memory of Esther Thoreson to PHSW Foundation Hospice, PO Box 2516, Vancouver, WA 98668. Please sign her guest book at www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ *I wanted to express my heartfelt condolences to all of Esther's family. There's such a sense of helplessness when someone we love dies. I'd like to share some scriptural thoughts that really helps me. Prayer is so valuable at this time but it's not that prayer simply makes us feel better. 2 Cor.4:7 says that God can give us, "... power beyond what is normal ", to go from one day to the next. This does not mean that we no longer cry or that we forget, but it means we recover. The reason we recover is because of our hope. Jesus Christ talked about our hope in John 5:28, "... all those in the memorial tomb will hear his voice and come out ". Jesus was referring to the resurrection, this is our amazing hope that helps us recover and gives us power to go on. 2 Cor.1:3 describes our Creator as, ".. the God of all comfort ". One way that God comforts us is by moving people who care about us to give us words of encouragement that we need to hear. May the God of comfort (Ps.83:18) be your comfort now during this time of sorrow.*

Elaine Lambert - June 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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Karen E Johnson - June 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ i met Esther while working at MA BELL in Vancouver. She was always a bright spot in your day. We also took water aerobics together, and shared many laughs! She very seldom had anything but a big smile on her face. Esther was such a positive person, with a positive outlook on life. The world needs more "Esthers". She will truly be missed.

Karla Town - June 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Esther in the 1970's when I transferred to Vancouver. She has always been a special friend and will be missed. Love you Esther and will light a candle for you on Sunday. My deepest sympathy's to her family

Phyllis Likness - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am Esther's cousin and could not ask for a better cousin, friend, sometimes traveling companion. She was a delight to be with and have had so many great conversation remembering past relatives, fun times and lots of laughs. It is very sad that she passed but I am happy for her that she is no longer struggling with cancer. Know she is resting peacefully. Love you Esther from me and my family.

Judie St John - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*Esther was one of my most favorite people while working at the telephone company. She was always a kind gentle soul. She had that smile that no one could ever forget. I don't recall ever seeing her upset or say any unkind words about anyone. I know heaven is blessed with a special little lady who has earned her wings. My condolences to the family. I am so sorry. Until we meet again. RIP Esther.*

Cindy Louey - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM