



## Gwendolyn J. Schneider

February 12, 1936 - October 30, 2022

Gwendolyn June (Ball) Schneider February 12, 1936 - October 30, 2022  
Gwen, 86, passed away October 30, 2022, in Vancouver, Washington after suffering a stroke. She was born in Portland, Oregon to Hilda and William Ball. She grew up in the southeast Portland area and graduated from Franklin High School in 1953. Gwen married William Schneider in 1954 and they were married until 1979 when they divorced. After her divorce, she moved with her companion, Vern Anderson, to a small farm in the Vancouver area. They were devoted companions for 44 years. During Gwen's senior year at Franklin and after graduation, she worked at Pacific NW Bell as a telephone switchboard operator and later in the accounting department. She left the phone company when her daughter was born, but she enjoyed her work there. When she reentered the work force in about 1970, she was a demonstrator in local grocery stores for Portland Bottling Company. She also worked in medical records on the Bess Kaiser to Sunnyside Kaiser hospital transition, was the first female employee to work in the Stauffer Chemical Plant in North Portland where she worked for several years, and she retired from working in Kaiser Permanente dental and medical offices buildings as an appointment center clerk when she was about sixty. In her earlier years, Gwen was an avid bowler. At one point, she was on two leagues at once, including the Press 5 Grand women's bowling league which also included championship bowler, Gloria Bouvia. She loved gardening and she also was Vern's helper with projects around the house. She and Vern grew a large garden each year, from which

they spent hours canning fruits and vegetables. She enjoyed tending her roses and she looked forward to finding out which rose Vern would pick for her each day. She was a great cook and her most requested item was her carrot cake. Every visit to her house included a meal. She loved visiting with her family and friends, playing dice games or games on her tablet, and trips to Ilani or (in her earlier years) trips to Reno to gamble. Gwen was Vern's close and most trusted companion for 44 years. They were rarely away from one another, and they enjoyed everything they did together. Gwen was also a doting mom and grandma; she was concerned about and took an interest in all her family members. Her immediate and extended family will dearly miss her. Gwen was preceded in death by her parents and her brother John Ball, sister in laws Nedine Ball and Donna Ball, and brother in laws, Don Elliott, and Ed Nelson. Surviving are her companion, Vern Anderson; daughter, Diana Schneider-Barnes (Richard Barnes); son, Ron Schneider (Dawn White Schneider); grandchildren Jordan Schneider, Megan Barnes, Jacob Schneider (Cheryl) and Joshua Schneider; brothers, Art Ball and Ernest Ball (Maria); sisters Juanita Nelson, Dolores Elliott, and Patty Young (Robert); many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews; Vern's children, Kurt Anderson, Kelle Paynter (Jerry Bullock), and Kraig Anderson (Teneil); and Vern's grandchildren, Lauren Watson (Shawn); Kyle Paynter; and Kevlar, Kayden, and Krista Anderson; and great-grandchildren Boden and Joelle Watson. A memorial service will be held on November 18, 2022, at 12:30 pm at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave, Vancouver, WA, 98684. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland, Oregon, or the Salvation Army.

# Tribute Wall



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

---

**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 03:59 PM

MR

“ *Rest in peace. May your memory be a blessing.*

---

**Melinda Russell** - November 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Diana, Ron and Family, We love you all! We are thinking and praying for you. Nancy & Gary Popp, Mary Ann & Gary Alexander*



---

**Nancy Schneider Popp** - November 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ I have wonderful memories of Aunt Gwen's beautiful smile and hearty laugh. It seemed that she always had a smile on her face. As a child, we spent a great deal of time at Aunt Gwen's and Uncle Will's. If it wasn't Pinochle on Saturday night, it was a picnic and swimming at Janzen Beach or Rooster Rock. My mother, Nell, played on a bowling league with Aunt Gwen. I remember watching Gwen, always having so much fun; win or lose! When my sister was born, Aunt Gwen was there, taking care of my brothers and me until my dad came home from work. She was so giving of her time. My mom and I would go over to Aunt Gwen's, and she would give us both a hair permanent at her kitchen sink. One of my favorite memories was a trip to Reno, with our two families. It was my first time staying at a hotel! We swam in the hotel pool and had wonderful family time together!

Gwen had a wonderful family. She always spoke so lovingly about her parents and siblings. I recently viewed photos of Gwen, Patty and Delores. They were quite a trio! I bet they had a lot of fun and I know they all loved each other deeply.

I am sad that I didn't keep in better touch with Aunt Gwen in later years. When I saw her at family events, I enjoyed her so much! Aunt Gwen was loved much and will be missed by many!

Nancy Schneider Popp

---

**Nancy Popp** - November 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I'm so sorry for the family to have lost such a fun-loving, sweet sister. I will always remember her fondly. Much love sent to you.

---

**Barb Belland** - November 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ A fond memory of Gwen was seeing her sheer joy whenever she saw "Robbie". She was his favorite aunt. They had a special relationship.  
Gwen sent Christmas cards to our family for 48 straight years. We will miss her annual greeting.

---

**Deb Schneider** - November 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ With deepest sympathy - thinking of you and your family.

---

**Darcie** - November 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ Gwendolyn J. Schneider

---

**Funeral Home Owner** - November 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

---

**A Memorial Tree was planted for Gwendolyn J. Schneider** - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM