



Jelene J. Peterson

September 30, 1936 - September 2, 2018

On Sunday, September 2nd, 2018, after a long battle with arthritis, Jelene Joyce (Bafus) Peterson passed away in Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, surrounded by her husband and daughters at the age of 81 years. Jelene was born on September 20, 1936 in Colfax, Washington to her parents, Roy and Janece (Winslow) Bafus. Jelene was raised on a wheat farm near Endicott, Washington and graduated from Endicott High School in 1954. For the past 60 years, Jelene has resided near Ridgefield, Washington.

Jelene married Vernon Peterson on May 28, 1955 and celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in 2018. Jelene and Vernon founded Peterson and Associates PS in Vancouver, Washington in 1962.

Jelene was an avid gardener and kept a beautiful yard. She was especially fond of flowers and animals. When Jelene's daughters were young, she sewed many of their clothes and later enjoyed taking them shopping at Nordstrom.

Jelene will be fondly remembered by her husband, Vernon; her daughters, Carmen (Larry) Toll, Cindy (Brad) Coad and Denise (Steve) Anderson; grandchildren, Jeremy Lawson and Gillian Anderson; step-grandchildren, Kendra (Coad) Thompson and Kayla (Coad) Shaw; and step-great-grandchildren, Noah, Hudson and Charlotte.

A celebration of Jelene's life will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, Washington 98684.

Memorial donations in memory of Jelene can be made to the Clark College Foundation (clarkcollegefoundation.org), 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, Washington 98663-3598 or the charity of your choice.