



## Joanne Lorraine Kendall

April 3, 1934 - December 3, 2023

Joanne Lorraine Kendall, 89, went to meet her Savior, Jesus, December 3rd, 2023. Joanne was born April 3rd, 1934 to Henry and Edna Schulenberg in Hillsboro, Oregon. She was raised on a dairy farm on Iowa Hill, Cornelius with her four siblings. She remembered fondly many adventures and summers of berry picking with her brothers, sisters and cousins.

As a young woman, Joanne wanted to see as much of the world as possible. She became a United Airlines flight attendant with travels spanning the U.S. and overseas. Marrying Robert G. Kendall in 1961 launched a new chapter for her life. Joanne and Bob moved to Vancouver, Washington and had two daughters, Leslie and Kristin. During this time, Bob started the local Chevrolet dealership. Through General Motors, Joanne and Bob continued their love of travel adventures and visited five continents. Joanne had a deep love for God and her children, devoting her life to her family and church ministry.

When Joanne's children entered the college years, she prayed for direction for who God would like her to serve next. After much prayer, she felt led to meet the needs of the homeless and impoverished of Clark County. She and Bob, along with some other couples from their church, decided to start a homeless shelter for families in Vancouver. They wanted to bring the churches and businesses of Vancouver together to serve people in the community.

Open House Ministries was started in 1989 in a downtown Vancouver boarding house. Currently Open House Ministries is a housing, education and recreation complex offering job training, life skills counseling and spiritual

support. It has the capacity to serve over 100 parents and children. In 1994, Joanne and Bob Kendall were recognized as First Citizens of the Year by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington for their work with the homeless. Clark College awarded Joanne with the Outstanding Alumni Award in 2014.

Joanne also took an interest in Christian missions around the world. She supported many missionaries and prayed for them in a prayer group she attended for many years. She even had the opportunity to visit some of them in Molokai, Honduras and India.

Joanne was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Kendall; brother Ray Schulenberg and sister Ernestine Francisco.

Joanne is survived by her daughters, Leslie (Stacey) O'Kinsella and Kristin (Bud) Hendrickson; She is also survived by grandson Connor O'Kinsella; granddaughter Kendall (Stephen) Mahar; great grandson James Mahar; brother Bill (Barbara) Schulenberg and Virginia Foster.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the early part of 2024. The family kindly requests that any charitable donations be made to Open House Ministries.

# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ Joanne faithfully supported me as a missionary in Mexico with her prayers and financial gifts. I'm very grateful for her generosity. I'll miss seeing her the next time I'm in Vancouver, WA.

Angelina Velasco - February 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM



“ Joanne was a lovely human being. She held a strong faith in Jesus and wanted everyone else to experience the joy and energy this faith gave her. She laughed easily at herself and with others and she genuinely appreciated opportunities to contribute to the well-being of others. I feel fortunate to have known her. She is my cousin Stacy's mother in law and I consider her daughter, Leslie, a friend whom I shared classes with at Warner Pacific College.

Tami O'Kinsella - December 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ So fortunate to have moved to Vancouver in 2006, to share many times with my sister in our more senior years. She had a heart of true concern. I will treasure our memories. Miss you.

Virginia Foster - December 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Mom,  
You were a great cheer leader and supporter of our dreams.

LESLIE OKINSELLA - December 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *This is Jim and Shirley Ratzlaff. We have wonderful memories of Joanne and Bob. We spoke with Joanne a number of months ago. Great conversation. So alive in the Lord. It's wonderful to know where she is, so we haven't lost her, only parted for a brief while. Her works for the Lord follow her. We love you, her family, and pray that you know God's grace and peace. Since death is always a separation from those we love, it's never the right time to us, but God numbers our days. All glory to Him!*

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**Jim Ratzlaff** - December 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Joanne Lorraine Kendall** - December 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM