



## Karen K, Wheeler

January 5, 1948 - June 29, 2022

Karen Kathryn (Yonker) Wheeler

Karen Wheeler was called home to her LORD suddenly on June 29, 2022. She was born January 5, 1948 in Riverside, California, the only child of Jacob Wade and Leatrice Melith (Paul) Yonker. She was raised in the Sacramento valley, graduating from Corning High School. She went on to receive a Bachelor degree from Chico State College and a MBA from Seattle International University.

Karen began her work career as a computer programmer for the State of Nevada and worked with several organizations in Nevada, Seattle, and Vancouver, WA rising to IT Manager. One of her favorite positions was with Lockheed Shipbuilding in Seattle. She was also in IT management with several hospitals, medical organizations, and Airborne Express. Her last position was with the Clark County Historical Museum, where she was acting Executive Director when she retired.

Karen was married to Jerry Washabaugh, a former US Marine, and through him became active in the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. She served in leadership positions in the Auxiliary at the local, state, and national level. Karen served two terms as the National President. She volunteered with the Veteran's Administration and other veteran service organizations. Karen's

other accomplishments included being a competitive pistol target shooter and private pilot.

Karen was an active member of Columbia Presbyterian Church where she was an ordained Deacon, Stephen Minister, choir member, bible teacher and student, and active in many other church ministries. Karen was a dynamo of energy, an organizer, a mentor, an encourager, an advocate, a doer-truly the hands and feet of Christ.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents and husband Jerry Washabaugh. Karen is survived by her husband of six years, William Wheeler, and stepsons Jess and Jay Washabaugh.

A Memorial Service will be held for Karen at 3 pm on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at Columbia Presbyterian Church, 805 Columbia Ridge Drive, Vancouver, WA 98664. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Columbia Presbyterian Church designated for the Stephen Ministry Fund are requested.

# Tribute Wall

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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 Karen K, Wheeler - July 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM**