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Karolyn Kaye (Enquist) Nilsen, 82 of Vancouver, WA, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family on Jan. 5, 2022. Karolyn was born April 30, 1939, in Breckenridge, MN, to Wallace and Floriene Enquist. They relocated to Vancouver when she was a small child.

Karolyn graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in 1957. She met the love of her life, Leon Nilsen while working together at the Sears Service Center on Swan Island in Portland, OR. They married in Vancouver on Aug. 13, 1960, and moved into the home they had built, raised their family, and lived in that same home together until her passing.

Karolyn is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Leon; her three children, Brenda Nilsen of Vancouver, Jodie Kotrlik (John) of Vancouver and Jason Nilsen (Aaron Beierschmitt) of Troutdale, OR. She had four grandsons, Cody Kotrlik, Ryan Kotrlik, Joshua Kotrlik and Kyle Kotrlik. She also leaves behind her brother, Danton Enquist (Leticia); nieces, Debbie Miller, Yolanda Larkin, Carla Fenning, Terri Stewart; and nephews, Desmond Enquist, Jeff Nilsen, Roger Nilsen, Derek Telford, Ryan Telford and Jay Telford; as well as great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Wallace (Sonny) Enquist; sister, Cathy Tuttle; nephew, Randy Enquist; and nephew, Cory

Tuttle.

Karolyn enjoyed sharing her love of cooking, baking and painting with others. We will always remember her laugh. Joy and laughter always filled the room when we were together!

She is described by so many as, "the nicest, kindest, friendliest, sweetest person they've ever met". She didn't even realize how much she impacted other's lives, with her genuine love and kindness, because it was just in her nature.

A memorial service will be held at a later date (still to be determined) in the spring.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of PeaceHealth Hospice for their devoted care.

Tribute Wall

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“ *A smile and voice I'll never forget! Aunti Kay always had a smile on her face and was so very welcoming and loving. I'll always remember all the yummy smells of her baking and cooking when we went to Family gatherings at her house. ✨ Her presence here on earth will be missed dearly. Uncle Leon, and cousins- my deepest condolences. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. ❤️*



Yolanda Larkin - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thinking of you all. Sending love.*



Yolanda, Damon, Brianna, Sierra, and Riley Larkin - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Leon & Family, We will forever cherish the memories we have of Kayes smile, her giggle and her passion for a banana split! Much love to you all!*



Justin & Cara, Arthur & Lisa and Shelly - April 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Karolyn Kaye Nilsen - February 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM