



Shirley Jane Beach

February 21, 1930 - July 17, 2016

SHIRLEY J. BEACH February 21, 1930 ~ July 17, 2016 Shirley J. Beach of Vancouver, WA, passed away July 17, 2016. She was born Feb. 21, 1930 to George Herbert Johnson and Martha Elmina Hunsaker. Shirley graduated from high school in 1948 and attended Chase Business College into the late 1950's. She worked as a bookkeeper/secretary, retiring from the Washington State School for the Deaf in 1987 and then as a bookkeeper for Blairco Heating and Air Conditioning until the early 1990's. After retirement for the Washington School for the Deaf, she interpreted for deaf students for their doctor/dentist and eye doctor appointments and at the skill center. Shirley said she had all the instructions to build a house, she just needed the manpower. She also would bring deaf students home for the weekend when their parents lived too far away for them to visit. Shirley was President and Treasurer of the Quail Glenn Condo Association from 1998-2013. She enjoyed collecting antique glass. Shirley is survived by her daughter, Susan Zeman; granddaughter, Amy Wenz; grandsons, Jason Guerra and Kevin Beach; and nine great-grandchildren, Devin Koenig, Alexis and Skylar Guerra, Jacob and Chloe Wenz, and Carrie Ann and Katie Beach. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe Beach; and step-sons, Weldon, Alvin, and RJ Beach. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Sat., July 23, 2016 at 10a.m. Viewing will be Fri., July 22, 2016 from 12-8p.m. Memorial donations may be sent to the Washington State School for the Deaf. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 06:03 PM

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“ Shirley served so faithfully at WSSD with genuine care and love for students and staff. She added so much to the family atmosphere of the school in those days. May she enjoy eternal joy.
Michael & Maryann

Michael & Maryann OBrien - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear about Shirley. May you receive peace from God in the days and months to come.

Phil 4:6,7 - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Hi Sue,

I last saw your mom about a year ago, zipping through the dining room on her scooter at Van Mall Retirement Inn. I was so happy to see her and have a chance to visit. I meant to go back, but life got busy and it didn't happen. (My dad's friend, who I was visiting at the time, moved soon after.)

I remember so many crazy, fun days at your house in high school. Your family were the BEST neighbors, and dear friends. I still laugh when I think about your mom piercing my ears, and I see her face and hear her attempts to relax me nearly every time I put my earrings in! I was a crazy girl and I don't know how she put up with me!

I wish I could be there on Saturday, but I am in Ashland with my oldest daughter and we won't be home until Sunday night. I would love to see you, Amy and Jason - who to me will forever be little kids!

My heart goes out to you, and I'm sending you lots of love as you navigate these painful days ahead.

Sandi (Pemberton) Babbitt

Sandi Babbitt - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I met Shirley a few years ago while playing cards with a group of ladies. I came to love her very much, she was such a sweet caring woman, kind, never said anything bad about anyone, always a good word. She had to quit playing with us and I missed her smiling face. May she rest in peace.*

Joanne Tuholsky - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I miss her I was high School in WSD for the deaf school she was so sweet to talk and courage I am not forgotten about her she worked at admission office.

Doretha Smith - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of your Mom Sue. May you remember all the happy times and take comfort in her no longer being in pain. Much Love - Aimee Hofmann

July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ So sorry to read about your mom, sue. She was a fun loving person and I know you were the light of her life. May you find peace in all your cherished memories.

Cindy Casteel - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM