



## Shirley Faye Elrod

January 30, 1935 - January 13, 2017

Vancouver Washington Shirley Faye Elrod, a resident of the Portland area most of her life, died peacefully on Friday January 13, 2017 at home in Camas Washington with her husband at her side. Born January 30, 1935 in Champoeg, Oregon. Shirley attended Broadacres Grade School and graduated from North Marion High School where she was Senior Princess in the May Day Court, then went to work at GMAC in Portland. She married William McLaren in 1955, they had four children, before he unexpectedly died in 1967. In 1969, Shirley married Phil Elrod, they had one son together. Shirley's family was her life, Thanksgiving and Christmas were her favorite holiday family gatherings. She was a wonderful Wife, Mother and Grandmother with a beautiful bright smile and heart of gold. Shirley enjoyed traveling; she traveled to Africa, China, Great Britain, Portugal, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii plus went on several cruises. Flying on the Concord and sailing on the Queen Elizabeth II oceanliner were two highlights of her travels. Shirley loved her western United States car trips, traveling on the many back country roads. She enjoyed going with her 'car friends' on many, special road trips. Shirley was a kind, thoughtful lady with a big heart and beautiful bright smile. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Philip Elrod; her sister Darlene Esters; her children Tracy McLaren, Wade McLaren (Julie), Heather Clapp (Vic), Mitch Elrod (Yvette). Her step-children Michelle Elrod, Julia Johnson and Philip Elrod, Jr.; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her Mother Grace Burnham,

Father Earl Burnham, husband William McLaren, brother Paige Burnham, brother George Burnham, and her son Scott McLaren. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made, to the Vancouver Lions Club % Scott McLaren Diabetes Fund, PO Box 441, Vancouver Washington 98666. Shirley's Celebration of Life Services and a Reception will be held on Saturday March 4, 2017, 12:30 PM at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver Washington

# Tribute Wall



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

---

**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 06:59 PM

DF

“ *What a gracious lady who will be dearly missed, especially with our car group. We will miss her smile and her presence, but will always be with us.*

---

**David and Cathy Funk** - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *We sadden to hear of Shirley passing, what a kind grand lady. She was a joyed to be around each time we met her. She will be truly missed by us and by our car group, which she and Phil attended on various summer outing.*

---

**David and Cathy Funk** - January 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I did not know Shirley well, but every time I talked to her she was so sweet and kind. A very gracious lady and I will miss talking to her. I know she will leave a loss for all her loved ones and I'd like to extend my sympathy to you all and, of course, especially to Cousin Phil. May the Good Lord send you comfort in this time of sorrow.*

---

**Denise Spicer** - January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM