



Annette Pfenning Wilkins

September 14, 1933 - January 15, 2014

Garden Home, Oregon

Annette Wilkins, born September 14, 1933, passed away on January 15, 2014. She was the only child of Henry Pfenning and Marion (Burnworth) Pfenning Thompson. She met the love of her life, Jim Wilkins, when she attended University of Washington and where Jim attended UW School of Pharmacy. They married in June of 1954 and began their life together in Bellingham, Washington. Annette worked several years in the Whatcom County Courthouse and later at the Herald Pharmacy that she and her husband owned.

Annette was an avid shopper, collector and garage/estate sale aficionado. She loved a bargain and shopped the sales with planning and precision. If she saw something she thought you might like, she would purchase the item(s) and it would forever be yours. One of something was never enough – one more recipe book, one more Mexican serape, or one more piece of artwork.

She and Jim shared their love for cats. They traveled the “show cat” circuit, showing numerous Abyssinian cats, among them, MeToo and Moonraider. She supported both Whatcom and Skagit Humane Societies and always enjoyed attending the annual auctions. Her current three kitties, Rooney, Tessie, Cynni will miss her greatly.

Her passion for baseball began as she followed her cousin, Cliff Chambers, during his career from Bellingham AA to the Majors. After volunteering several seasons for Bellingham's "Baby M's," she and Jim began their annual trek to the Cactus League Spring Training in Arizona. If there were 30 Mariner games scheduled, then it was 30 games they would attend! She loved her UW Huskies, the Seattle Mariners and the Seattle Seahawks. If any of Annette's extended family was involved in a sport, she was always there to support their games, in person or in spirit.

After her husband Jim passed away in 1999, Annette became active in Hesselgrave and the Camano/Stanwood bus tours to maintain a healthy social life. Through these tours, Annette was blessed with a litany of new friends that meant the world to her. She looked forward to seeing each and every one of them, no matter where a mystery trip would take them.

With Annette's determined attitude and beaming smile, you would never have known that she had been fighting the battle of her life for the past two and a half years. She leaves behind many dear friends like Jim and Betsy Freeman, and a loving adopted family including Marian Rawls and her children Korenna and Kody.

Annette's loved ones would like to especially thank the amazing doctors and caring nurses at PeachHealth Infusion Center, as well as the dedicated staff at Hospice House.

Farewell Tribute Information

A memorial service will be held at Moles Funeral Home on Lakeway Drive on Friday, January 24th at 3:30. Donations Information

In Annette's memory, donations may be made to Hospice House or the Whatcom and/or Skagit Humane Society. Donations Links:

Skagit Humane Society

Whatcom Humane Society

Whatcom Hospice

Tribute Wall

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“ We lost a dear member of our “family”, but will always remember that “smile”. So good to have seen her at the Hesselgrave Christmas Party. She looked so good and happy and that is the way we will always remember her. She was a very generous person and we have many things to remember her by. Gone but NEVER FORGOTTEN.

Dusty & Nancy Graham - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM