



Beatrice Aubert

September 3, 1920 - July 18, 2015

Beatrice Nilsen Aubert, age 94, of Bellingham, WA died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, July 18th.

She was born in Bellingham to Magnus and Hilda Nilsen. Bea graduated from Bellingham High School in 1937 and WWU in 1941. She was the editor of the school newspaper while attending Western. During WWII Beatrice taught second grade in Woodland, Acme and the Highline school district. Following the war she married her high school sweetheart, John Aubert. They moved to Pullman while John attended pharmacy school and Bea taught first grade. In 1950 they returned to Bellingham where they raised their family.

Beatrice attended Roeder school in the primary grades, went there again when it became a junior high school, did her student teaching there, and was hired to teach first grade at Roeder when she returned to teaching in 1968. From there she could look out her classroom window and see the house where she was born.

Bea was an active member of the Saint James Presbyterian Church, PEO, Daughters of Norway, bridge and garden clubs. She volunteered at Saint Joseph's Hospital and the Whatcom County Museum.

She loved spending time with her family, entertaining, singing in the church

choir, cooking and gardening. Bea and John loved traveling, opera and the arts.

Beatrice is survived by her five children; Three sons Steve (Cindy), Rick, Jamey (Kodi); Two daughters Gena (Gus) Gustafson and Sally (Alan) Beard; 10 grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brother Orville Nilsen of Portland, Oregon.

A Celebration of Bea's Life will be held at Saint James Presbyterian Church on Friday, August 7th at 2:00PM followed by a reception. Memorials may be made to Saint James Presbyterian Church (910 14th St.), Whatcom Hospice Foundation or a charity of your choice.

You may share your thoughts and memories of Bea with her family by signing the online guestbook.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ I live across the street from Bea and while I did not know her well, she was always friendly and ready for a chat if we chanced to meet at the mailbox or saw each other from across the street. I was always impressed with how nice she always looked. She was truly a lovely person, and I know she will be missed by many people & especially her family.

Shirley Rocheleau - July 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ Steve and family Cathy and I share your feelings of loss knowing that your mother was a wonderful, caring, and loving person. We are certain that the void created with her passing will fill, in time, with the loving memories that you have of her life and the love you all share with God. Please accept our sincerest condolences.
Ward & Cathy Nelson

Ward and Cathy Nelson - July 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ To all the Auberts: All of us Burkharths are sad to see her go to the next life. We have so many memories back to back to the days of the Clarks and Haydens, Wilsons and others. Remember E had to back the boat all the way from Obstruction to Blakely when the outboard failed with several of us in the boat?? All three of you youngest three were companions in activities at First Pres with our youngest three. You children have all been wonderful and loving to your mom all these years, a good memory for you. We will miss her. Life goes on.

JoAnn Burkhardt Roe - July 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *I'm sorry I will be unable to attend the memorial service for Bea. I remember her as a gracious, caring and dedicated friend and teacher. My life is richer for having known her. I also remember how kind she and her family were when Carolyn Murray was named Girl of the Year and they made it possible for her Mother to be in attendance to see her daughter being honored though Mrs. Murray was terminally ill. God bless her memory.*

Betty Strand - July 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM