



Bernice Bartel

September 10, 1934 - September 19, 2022

Bernice J. Bartel, 87, of Bellingham, WA, peacefully went to be with Jesus on September 19, 2022. She was born in Bakersfield, CA on October 03, 1934 to John D. and Frances Bartel. Bernice graduated from Meridian High School in 1952 and right after went to work for Pacific NW Phone Co. Later that same year she was employed at Bellingham National Bank till 1955.

In 1955 Bernice married Dick C. Swope and in 1956 they moved to San Diego, CA where her son Karl was born. They returned to WA state in 1957, she then worked for Seattle First National Bank in Bellevue, WA for nine years. Daughter Susan was born in 1962. They moved back to Bellingham in 1968 to Franklin St. She divorced in 1990 and returned to her maiden name, Bernice Bartel.

Bernice attended Whatcom Technical College graduated in 1972 as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She then was hired by St. Joseph Hospital where she worked for 25 years, she worked most of her years in management of the Central Supply Dept. retiring in 1997. Soon after retiring Bernice had the joy of multi-generational living with her daughter's family for over 10 years. In 2010 Bernice moved to Ankar Park where she enjoyed living independently in her condo among her many retired friends. Bernice was known for being the welcome wagon of Court 5 and beyond at Anker Park. In retirement Bernice also enjoyed traveling with group tours, bargain hunting,

and spending time with her family and staying close with friends and family by reaching out very often.

Bernice is survived by her children Karl (Teresa) Swope of Port Orchard, WA and Susan (David) Schwab of Birch Bay, WA. She is also survived by grandchildren Jessica (Nolan) Soete, Cassie (Daniel) Horne, David Jr (Kristen) Schwab and Coleman Schwab, Great Grandchildren Harper & Piper Soete, Emmersen & Reagan Horne, Eliana, Ava & Lucas Schwab, her brother John F (Pat) Bartel and nephew & niece Troy and Brandi Bartel.

Memorials can be made to Whatcom Hospice House Bellingham.

The Celebration of Bernice's life will be held at CTK Downtown – Norway Hall, 1419 N Forest St on October 11th at 11AM. You may attend this service virtually by clicking the "Video's" tab on the left hand side of this webpage.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a lovely lady who will be missed by all who knew her.*

Martha Jane Bray - October 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What can I say about Neechie, other than I love & miss her. Bernice was so much a part of my life, many of my earliest memories include her. When my dad, her uncle, passed away, she was a constant source of comfort for my mom. That love and care WAS Bernice.*

Karl & Teresa, Sue & Dave she loved you 4 so very, very much. And adored her grandkids so much. I'm so sorry for this loss. I love you so much.

The world is a colder, emptier, and sadder place without her presence. My one great comfort is knowing we will be together again in God's presence. But until then, I will miss you.

Vickie Bligh - October 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM