



## Beverly Ann Schwisow

April 4, 1932 - March 15, 2025

Three weeks prior to her 93rd birthday, Beverly Ann Schwisow, of Ferndale, WA, went home to be with the Lord, on March 15, 2025, in Mount Vernon, WA.

Beverly was born in Bellingham to Bill Irwin and Olga (Melseth) Irwin, on April 4, 1932. She was the oldest of two children. Bev lived on Victor Street until her early teen years when the family moved to the Paradise Road in Ferndale. After a couple of years there, the Irwins moved to the farm on Mountain View Road, which remained the family home for more than forty years. Bev developed a love of music, learning to play the piano and then the clarinet in the high school band. She continued to play the piano throughout much of her life.

Beverly waitressed at Johnson's Fine Foods in Ferndale. As a sophomore at Ferndale High School, Beverly met a Senior, named Stan, who was fairly new to town after moving from Grandview, WA. The relationship grew and Bev and Stan were married March 7, 1953, at the United Church in Ferndale. Stan's service with the Air Force took them to Wichita Falls, Texas, where they welcomed their firstborn, Jim, in 1954. In 1955, after completing their

commitment with the Air Force, they returned to Ferndale. Stan took a job with Mobil Oil Corporation, Cherry Point and they purchased the farm on Church Road.

Stan and Bev welcomed 3 more boys; Gary in 1955, Jay in 1958 and Scot in 1962. Bev excelled at being a doting mother and keeping her boys and home clean and orderly. After focusing on raising her sons, Bev went to work part time as an office aid at Central Elementary School. As a young family, Stan and Bev fostered a love in their boys for Skiing Mt. Baker and campfires and waterskiing at their property on Birch Bay. They were always very supportive of their children and grandchildren as they participated in music performances and sporting events.

After retirement, Stan and Bev met countless friends as they traveled to many countries around the world during dozens of trips with Tulip Tours. Stan and Bev also purchased a fifth wheel and spent two decades traveling the Western United States. Stan and Bev were faithful members of Triumph Lutheran Church for more than 6 decades, making many lifelong friends and serving the congregation in various ways over the many years.

Beverly is survived by her husband of 72 years, William Stanley Schwisow (Stan), brother Jim (Ruth) Irwin, sons Jim (Mary) of Ferndale, Gary (Teresa) of Melba, ID, Jay (Debbie) of Kennewick, WA, and Scot (Bonnie) of Lynden, WA. Grandchildren Agie (Philip) Mhyre of Lynden, Anna Schwisow (Louis Gabriel) of Seattle, Leah (Will) Goede of Boise, ID, Brad (Jamie) of Ferndale, Katie (Lucas) Tate of Kennewick, WA, Matt Schwisow of Kennewick, Tim (Elizabeth) of Cary, NC, Natalie (Luke)

Knudson of Bellingham, Emily (Jake) Plagerman of Bellingham, and Zach (Jess) of Lynden. Great-Grandchildren are Benton and Matix Mhyre, Grayson and Rowan Goede, William, James and Lydia Schwisow, Vanessa, Dean, Audry and Laura Tate, Aryia and Whitman Schwisow, Ines Knudson and another baby girl due to Zach & Jess in June, along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Stan & Bev's past and present caregivers who have so unselfishly cared for them over the years; niece Cindy Legoe, Jane Polinder, Janet Abe and Robin O'Grady.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 1:00 pm Triumph Lutheran church, 5719 Church Road, Ferndale, WA. A private family graveside service will be held separately. The family suggests donations to Triumph Lutheran Church.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Schwisow family, I am sorry to hear of your Mom’s passing. After my Mom moved from Lynden to a care facility we lost touch with your parents. They were dear friends of my family for over 60 years and my sisters and brother and I have wonderful memories of camping trips and get togethers at their place on Church road and many other good times. (As a side note; Jim and Jay saved my sister Nancy, two of the Bliss girls and I on a camping trip to the Oregon coast when we got caught in a riptide and couldn’t get back to shore – true story!). Your parents are/were wonderful people who always made us as children feel welcome and included in whatever was going on. I send your entire family our deepest sympathy and love. Please give Stan a special hug from the Bezona family ❤️

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**Barbara (Bezona) Swansen** - May 20, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Jim and Mary,  
Think of you often, prayers with you in this time of parting.  
Jim Weatherby

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**Jim Weatherby** - April 06, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Very sorry for your loss. Jay was my best friend in school. I remember going to his mom and dads house and meeting his parents.

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**Lance Tickner** - April 05, 2025 at 12:00 AM