



## Dolores Ann Sobjack

March 2, 1941 - November 29, 2013

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Dolores Ann Sobjack of Blaine, WA passed away Friday November 29, 2013 at OHSU Hospital in Portland, Oregon from complications due to surgery. Born on March 2, 1941, in Bellingham to Grace (Miller) and Floyd Tuttle. Dolores, along with her brother, Richard Tuttle, grew up on Lummi Island. Her two close friends during those years on Lummi Island were Laurel Peterson and Maggie (Trumbull) Sterud. She had many fond memories of fun times shared together with special friends, Aunt Joan, Cousins Gloria Miller and Barbara Miller, Jana (Barr) Larson, Donna Walters, and numerous-other friends. Dolores attended Beach Elementary School, at that time a one-room school with a total of forty-nine students. She graduated from Ferndale High School in 1959 and Shaw Business College in 1960. During high school, she met her life-long friend Jana Larson. In 1960, she married Don Sobjack and raised his four-year-old son, Donny. They had two more sons Brad and Todd. Dolores was a loving, devoted mother to her three boys. She and Don were married forty-two years. The family enjoyed many family fishing and hunting trips to Winthrop, Washington where they later built a cabin. Don passed away September 2002 leaving a great void in his family's life. One of the highlights of her life was her trip to Russia with her former daughter-in-law to bring back her new grandson, fourteen-month-old Evan Sobjack. When Evan was fifteen years old, she hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon with him, his friend,

and her sister-in-law, Gayle Tuttle. After spending two nights at the bottom, they made the trek to the top. Hiking and walking was one of her favorite ways to stay fit. She took trips to Disneyland and Arizona with grandchildren Dylan, Casey, Lindsay and Desiree Sobjack. She would take the grandchildren separately to the zoo, shopping or out for ice cream. Dolores was born to shop and shop she did, bribing her granddaughters Lindsay and Desiree to head to Seattle with her to shop until they dropped. She also treated her daughter-in-laws to overnight shopping trips at Christmas time in Seattle and Canada. Curt and Alisa Lawyer, her step-grandchildren, joined the family as older children and Dolores regretted not knowing them as little ones. Watching her grandchildren grow up was very special to her. They had many good times together. She loved each of them unconditionally, never questioning their decisions and was proud of them all. She loved her great grandchildren too and enjoyed creating special memories with each one of them. Dolores was Worthy Advisor in the order of Rainbow for Girls where she received the grand cross of colors and a member of Eastern Star. Always active in volunteer work, she was involved in her children's preschool group and continued her involvement in their school activities until they each graduated. As a young woman, she was a pink lady at St. Joseph Hospital. As the children grew up, she became an active member in the Sister Rose Fidelma Hospital Auxiliary and made many close friends and happy memories. She was President of Central Auxiliary for twelve years, during her years as president; thousands of dollars were donated to the hospital through the auxiliaries, funding many improvements to aide in patient care and comfort. She was also a member of the Hospital Community Council, and St. Joseph Hospital Foundation. Dolores began her career in the Bellingham School District as a part-time teacher aide. After many years of working, she retired from Bellingham Schools on August 30, 2003 as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Services. Dolores enjoyed traveling, adventure, walking, snowshoeing, and visiting with her many friends. Friendships and family were important to Dolores. She would get up early to meet friends at Starbucks before work if

that was the only way she could keep contact. She valued her friendships immensely. Her hobbies included gardening, crafts, interior decorating and creating festive gatherings for family and friends. She was a gifted and creative woman. Dolores met her companion and partner, John Nunemaker, after the death of her husband. She and John spent many happy times together listening to their favorite music, working crosswords, taking trips, fishing, camping, visiting with friends and family, cooking, traveling to the cabin in Winthrop, Washington, cruising, and planning their new home together in Blaine. John had two grandchildren, Brandon Nunemaker and Madison that she came to love and cherish. She also enjoyed his two sons, Brian and Rob. She and John traveled to Fresno, CA to visit and spoil those little ones. Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, Don Sobjack and parents, Floyd and Grace Tuttle. Dolores is survived by her companion and partner, John Nunemaker, brother Rich (Gayle) Tuttle; sons Don (Eileen) Sobjack, Brad Sobjack, and Todd (Tamara) Sobjack; grandchildren Dylan (Kacie) Sobjack, Casey (Larissa) Sobjack, Lindsay (Jake) Breakey, Desiree Sobjack, Evan Sobjack, Curt (Laura) Lawyer, Alisa (Jason) Gayler, Shaynne Housley-Costello, ten great grandchildren, niece Megen (David) Tuttle, nephew Jason (LaJuan) Tuttle, and many family members and friends.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

There will be a visitation in the chapel at Greenacres Memorial Park on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 12:00 PM, followed by a funeral service in the chapel at 1:00 PM. Graveside service will be held on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 1:00 PM at Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Drive, Ferndale, WA 98248

Donations Information

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sister Rose Fidelma Hospital Auxiliary, St. Joseph Hospital Foundation and Sean Humphrey House



# Tribute Wall

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“ When I met Dolores, 26 years ago, I knew immediately we would be friends. She had such a wonderful spirit, a great sense of humor, a genuine kindness and caring for others and just the right amount of mischievousness. We laughed and cried our way together through many of life’s little surprises. She was my friend, co-worker, mentor and style adviser and I am so sorry that I won’t be able to share my retirement years with her.

*My thoughts and prayers are with the Sobjack family, extended family, and other many friends Dolores had. Goodby my dear friend.*

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**Sue Hoidal** - November 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dolores was a very kind person who was very supportive to her family and children and I am sure her family will miss her greatly. I remember growing up as a teen ager with son Brad and going on a deer hunting trip to Winthrop and camping in tents. Dolores camped to with here late husband Don and she would get up at 4am to cook and make coffee and hot cocoa for all her family and even me as a guest. Can you imagine that? Camping in a tent in the cold, getting up at 4 am and cooking from a tent for the family? Anyway, it was a good experience and Dolores was a very kind and giving person. Later over the years, she would kindly check in with the family and friends to make sure everyone was fine. These are all fond memories.

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**Mike Barnes** - November 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dolores, we will all see you on the other side. Continue declaring and decreeing over us that we will do everything the Holy Father desires for us and help each of us to be successful on this earth until this chapter is finished. We love you.*

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**Brian & Maria Johnson** - November 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM