



## Faunt Arlene Visser

May 8, 1931 - February 12, 2018

Faunt Arlene (Lorenz) Visser passed away peacefully at Grace Manor adult family home on February 12th. Faunt was born to Adolf Lyman and Effie Mary (Plaster) Lorenz in Bellingham, WA. She graduated from Bellingham High School with athletic prowess and accolades and worked a year at the YMCA before joining the Women's Army Corp with her sister Carmen and a couple of friends in 1950, following the footsteps of her father and brothers. Faunt proudly served for three years, trained as a postal operative, spending part of that time overseas working in the 1056 73 Army Postal Unit. During that time she was table tennis champion while stationed in Germany.

Faunt was honorably discharged in 1953, returned home and met the love of her life, Harold F Visser, and they married a year later. They lived in rural Whatcom County near south Lake Whatcom and soon after took in Harold's two daughters, Susan and Toni. She and Harold later had three children; Deborah, Donald, and Patricia.

Faunt was an avid gardener; maintained and sold organic raspberries; grew, canned and preserved foods to feed her family; and was involved in the South Lake Whatcom Fire District #18 as a volunteer firefighter; and participated in the Fire Belles, making and selling items at Christmas bazaars to pay for equipment. She was also known for her beading, especially her beaded, woven-off-the loom hummingbird and eagle necklaces, no two were the same.

Faunt was preceded in death by her husband and parents, brothers Melvin and Darvine and sisters Mildred, Phoebe and Carmen. She is survived by her children Deborah (Lani) Mele Mai, Donald (Jaylene) Visser, Patricia (Ray) Jones, and Harold's daughters Susan (Rick) Klander and Toni (Ed) Feller. She is also survived several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral and graveside services will be held 10 am Friday, February 16th at Greenacres in Ferndale, WA. A gathering will be held at Lummi Veterans Hall at 2608B Kwina Rd to share stories and a meal. The family would like any donations in Faunt's name to be made to Whatcom Hospice House or to the South Lake Whatcom Fire Department, contact info for both is available online.

Whatcom Hospice Foundation: [https://11354.thankyou4caring.org/whatcom/whatcom\\_hospice](https://11354.thankyou4caring.org/whatcom/whatcom_hospice)

South Lake Whatcom Fire District: <http://www.wcfd18.com>

# Tribute Wall

BA

“Faunt and Harold were the best of neighbors and friends. Faunt had a generous spirit. We enjoyed looking at and talking about the plants and flowers she grew. I appreciated the plant starts, fruits, and vegetables she shared with me. Nancy and I always had fun hearing her stories of when she first moved to Iowa Heights Rd before there were modern conveniences. We will always miss stopping to talk with Faunt and Harold when they sat out front each afternoon. Nancy still looks from our living room at night expecting to see Faunt’s grow lights glowing. Our deepest condolences to all of the family on your loss of such a special mother, grandmother, and friend.

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**Brad Adams** - February 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LH

“Jeff and I want to send our deepest condolences to the whole family and friends. She was such a sweet and special lady. She was an inspiration to me when I lived up there. So loved by many. She held a special place in my heart and always will. She will be so missed but we all will see her again one day. I loved her like a mom. RIP. Love you

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**Lori Hobbs** - February 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“The pictures that were put together make such a beautiful memorial tribute to Faunt. What a full life she surely had, and such a blessing to have had a loving family. My condolences to you on her passing, and prayers for the peace that passes all understanding.

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**Greta Friend** - February 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your recent loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. I have always received comfort from the Bible's word at Philippians 4:7 which reads “and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus”. I hope you can receive comfort from these words as well. Margo Simmons

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**Margo Simmons** - February 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM