



Ivaloe Stillman Meyer

February 5, 1924 - October 7, 2017

Ivaloe Luella Stillman Meyer was born on Shaw Island, 93 years and eight months ago, to George Henry Stillman and Eleanor Marold Bruns Stillman. Both her parents were born on Shaw Island and had met at the one room school house. Her parents moved to Bellingham, WA after marrying and were visiting Eleanor's parents on Shaw when Ivaloe was born prematurely, possibly because Eleanor had measles at the time. Ivaloe's grandparents' home on Shaw had burned down and they were living in a small cabin on the point while rebuilding. She was delivered in the cabin by her grandfather and was kept on the warming rack of the wood stove. Ivaloe had one measles spot on her. The doctor came the next day from Friday Harbor, and said, "She's dead of course..." and her grandfather said, "No she is fine!" This was the first showing of a quiet but strong fortitude and positivity shown throughout the rest of her life.

She grew up on Liberty Street in Bellingham, with her younger sister Mary Ellen and loving parents. Ivaloe had a happy childhood, playing with friends all over Sehome Hill. Her father was a marine engineer in the San Juan Islands, then later became a policeman and a detective in the new field of fingerprinting. Her mother was a loving homemaker. The house on Liberty St. was lived in for seventy-two years, until Eleanor's death, also October 7, in 1996. Ivaloe was in the Pep Club at Bellingham High and active in Rainbow Girls. She attended Western Washington College (University) with a term at

University of Washington to earn her teaching degree. At Western, she was president of the Valkyrie club and was the 4-quarter “man” on the student board. She took the man’s position because the men were at war. She began her teaching career in Everett in 1948. Ivaloe married Robert (Bob) Meyer in 1950 and by 1953 they had moved to Seattle and together they raised three children there. She went to Seattle Pacific University to renew her teaching certificate and began teaching again in 1966. Ivaloe taught for a total of 25 years, retiring in 1987. She was a kindergarten teacher at Bagley Elementary in Seattle for many years. She loved being a teacher and the friendships she made.

She was an active member of the Women’s University Club, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Rho Chapter, Children’s Orthopedic Guild, and Sand Point Community Methodist Church. She spent many happy summers at Deer Harbor, Orcas Island (on her cousins’ property, a place she had gone many summers all her life) with Bob, and was a member of the Deer Harbor Community Club and Orcas Island Historical Society, and had special friends she would see each summer there. She enjoyed traveling including trips to the Panama Canal, Mexico, Europe, once with good friends (The 3 Bobs) and around the country to visit her sister and family as they moved to interesting places in the military. Family was most important and there was many happy family gatherings. She had several special longtime friends, including the “non-bridge group”, who has been meeting for over 60 years. Their get-togethers were something she treasured, and rarely missed. She last hosted the ladies at her home in September.

Ivaloe was preceded in death by her husband, Bob in 2000. She leaves three adult children Jeff (Christy) Meyer of Helena, Mt., Leslie Meyer of Seattle, and Tracy (Greg) Meyer Quigley of Sedro Woolley. She has eight grandchildren, Lena, Max, Rachael, Allyson, Sophie, Kelly, Kyle, and Jared and two great-grandchildren, Taea and Eleanor. Ivaloe also leaves a special sister, Mary

Ellen, dear cousins Nancy, Don, Ellen, and Cal, and nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations suggested to Providence Hospice of Seattle, Sand Point Community United Methodist Church, or Medic 1 of Seattle. A special thank you to the caring staff of Providence Hospice. Ivaloe's kind and accepting spirit will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, 11:00 a.m., at Sand Point Community Methodist Church, 4710 N.E. 70th St., Seattle.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *In a strange coincidence, I moved Next door to Bob and Ivaloe in the 60s while going to UW. I discovered that I had slept in the cabin she was born in while in I was in High School. I always enjoyed seeing her summers when she was staying at Deer Harbor. She was a lovely lady.*

Bill Buchan - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Ivaloe was a very bright spot in my life. I am so lucky to have known her and will miss our visits very much. Her love of learning never ceased to amaze me!*

Debra Madan - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Dear Leslie and family.
My deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom. Her tremendous appetite for living, as described in her obituary, is a lovely legacy for all of you. May you continue to celebrate her life by flourishing in your own.
I, for one, welcome the ongoing spirit and future thriving of our mighty Meyer overlords.*

Diana Lillig - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a lovely tribute for a life lived well!! Peace and freedom comes with this passing. Much love . . .*

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