



Joan Carter Long

May 25, 1919 - June 2, 2016

Joan Carter Long passed away peacefully Thursday, June 2nd at the age of 97. Joan was the sixth of seven children born to John and Ada (Richards) Carter in Anacortes, WA where she grew up and graduated from Anacortes High School in 1937.

Joan was married to Harold 'Jake' Long in 1939. They began their married life in Seattle, moving to Bellingham in 1950. Together they built a home in which they raised three daughters.

Joan spent many years as a homemaker enjoying gardening, canning, cooking, sewing, church activities and reading. Following Jake's death in 1976, she took a medical transcription course at Bellingham Technical College and was employed at Whatcom Medical Bureau for 11 years.

Family was very important to Joan. Gathering together for birthdays, holidays and picnics kept the family closely bonded. She especially enjoyed welcoming the new babies and watching the generations grow up.

Love and interest in family led to many years of research and compilation of several books detailing family history. Joan belonged to the Whatcom Genealogical Society, the Mayflower Society and Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington – Whidbey Island #6. She joined Birchwood Presbyterian Church

in 1951 and served the church in numerous capacities.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and all six of her siblings. She is survived by daughters Susan Gama, Nancy (Tom) Hoff and Sandi Long. Her grandchildren include Steven McNutt, Cheryl (Don) Kirkley, Kelli Kirkpatrick, Carter (Nikki) Hoff, Rachel Hoff, Sarah Strain, Jessica (Andrew) Burback and Emily Strain.

Joan's eight great grandchildren are Elizabeth, Nicholas, Shelby, Hannah, Addison, Parker, Jake and Alexandra. Lily and Colt are Joan's great-great grandchildren. Joan is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to acknowledge the caring staff and friends at Summit Place Assisted Living.

A graveside service was held and a Celebration of Life will be held July 9th at 1:00 PM at Birchwood Presbyterian Church, 400 Meadowbrook Court, Bellingham, WA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Birchwood Presbyterian Church or your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mrs Carter. May warm memories of her comfort you until the time God’s promise is fulfilled. -Revelation 21:3, 4

J - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about your mom passing. I have so many good memories from church, from the “birthday club”, to overnights. See you at the service to honor a great woman. Jill

Jill Robertson - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. You had her for many wonderful years. She was a great lady.

Russ and Hazel Hagen - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She and my mom, Polly Conrad, were great friends and we all shared many gatherings together over the years. What great memories. I’m so glad that I ran into Susan at the store a few weeks ago and had her give your mom a Howdy/Hi and a big hug from me. Hugs to all of you.

Margaret Conrad Managan - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. May your many memories carry you through this time of sorrow and grief. I have fond memories of her and her helping hands through our Rainbow years! May she rest in peace surrounded by God's gracious arms.*

Sandy Johnson - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM