



Joyce Irene Curtis

February 26, 1927 - December 15, 2021

Joyce Irene Curtis passed away on December 15, 2021, in Bellingham, WA. She was born on February 26, 1927, to Theodore and Violet (Johnson) Milham in Wenatchee, WA. Joyce graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle in 1945, and married Robert J. Curtis on June 24th, that same year in Seattle.

Joyce enjoyed simple family gatherings and always sought to make others feel welcome in her home. She was a voracious reader all her adult life. In the 1950's and 1960's she loved to fish in the creeks, rivers, lakes, and salt water. Joyce was a dedicated follower of Mount Baker football, wrestling, and band as well as the Seattle Seahawks. While being a full-time parent Joyce kept the books for the logging and trucking businesses, repair shops, and dabbled in wallpaper contracting with various other ladies. For many years she hosted neighbors on Friday evenings for "Wine and Wisdom" where everything was on the table for discussion, except politics and religion; warnings were issued if anyone strayed from the discussion. She also took great joy in raising and caring for her two Bichon Frise dogs, Max and Peyton who predeceased her.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Robert J Curtis in 2009, and by nephew Greg Curtis.

Joyce is survived by sons: Doug Curtis (Marilyn), and Jeff Curtis (Becky); Six

grandchildren: Stephanie Dazer (Nicholas), Laura Curtis (Dan Khan), Michelle Pippin (Cletus), Robyn Curtis (Eric Bilham), Jonathan Curtis, and Anna Curtis. She has eight nephews and a niece, and nine great-grandchildren brought great joy to her life in her later years.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in her name to: Whatcom Hospice, the Whatcom Humane Society, or the Bellingham Symphony.

Tribute Wall



“Joyce was a great friend and a wonderful neighbor whose sharing of her wine and her wisdom will always be remembered. Larry and I wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to her lovely family.”

Virginia Watson - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM