



Meredith Runestrand

June 23, 1927 - October 23, 2021

Meredith Runestrand, surrounded by her six children, passed away on October 23rd, 2021, and entered into the presence and glory of God. She is reunited with her husband Art and there is rejoicing in heaven.

Mom was born in 1927 to Rex and Katherine Hess, and she grew up with her sister Kathie and her two brothers, Jim and Chuck. Mom attended Western Washington State College and obtained her degree in Education. She was a homecoming queen, a member of Western's choir, and worked at the Madrona Inn on Orcas Island. She met Art Runestrand on Western's campus and after a brief courtship married in 1949. Six children followed in a span of seventeen years as Mom held down the fort – canning, sewing, gardening, cleaning and cooking for her large and loving family. It was not uncommon to hear beautiful three part harmonies from the kitchen as Mom and her daughters would sing. Mom always had artistic abilities and in her 40s took some painting classes and worked hard at her skill, becoming for decades a very talented painter. She was a competitive woman – Mom loved to beat dad at croquet and often did. She loved to dance, to walk every day, to vacation in the trailer with Dad on the coast or in the mountains. She loved our father and she loved us. Most importantly Mom loved the Lord and she always considered herself blessed to have a large family.

Mom is survived by her six children and their spouses: Mike (Rachel)

Runestrand, Mary (Russ) Nuckolls, Liz (Doug) Adelstein, Kathy (Eric) Anderson, Kris (Sally) Runestrand, Heidi (Mark) Lann and mom's adopted family, Barb and Randy Kruger. She is also survived by her 43 grandkids and 45 great grandkids and one great, great grandchild. Mom is preceded in her passing by her daughter in law Janice and her grandson Joseph. Our mother received such amazing care from her home caregivers, her caregivers at Highgate Senior Living, and from Hospice and we are so grateful. There will be a memorial at Immanuel Bible Church, Saturday, November 13th at 2:00 in Bellingham. Donations can be made to Hospice or Immanuel Bible Church.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Oh, so many memories! What a gift to have had Meredith Runestrand on this earth for so very long, as she was a treasured and wonderful woman, a pillar of energy and faith, and a positive force for all who spoke with her. She will be remembered fondly and thought of frequently; I still see her walking down Cedarwood years ago, brisk, forceful and amazing strength. Thinking of you all in your great family and the strength you all have in each other. Love and thoughts, hugs and kisses to you all; I'm so glad she's, once again, holding Art's hands...

Kristen and John Whitehead - November 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Runestrands were neighbors and a wonderful loving family. Both Art & Meredith were fabulous, fun parents. Our Sympathy to the family.

Linda McKinley Muljat - November 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ I LOVED Meredith. I had the pleasure of singing in the choir with her and Art. They loved me unconditionally and were so fun to be around. Most of all, her love for Jesus was infectious.

Heidi M Larson - November 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BA

“What a celebration there must have been that day!
I have so many wonderful memories of your mom. My favorite is probably of her tenderly asking me (when I got hurt & was crying), “Will you live?” She never came across as being anything less than loving & tender.
And what a voice – the angels have competition now! Beauty I& grace inside & out. I loved & admired her and heaven has definitely gained a gem. ❤️

Brenda Aasheim - October 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM