



Nancy "Nan" E. Wilson Piovesan

September 16, 1926 - August 25, 2019

Nancy E. Wilson Piovesan passed away in Bellingham, WA on Aug. 25, 2019 at the age of 92.

Mom was born in Bellingham, WA on Sept. 16, 1926 to Esther (Beal) Wilson and Ira V. Wilson. Her early education began at the Normal School at WWC (now WWU).

Mom's parents owned I.V. Wilson Florist. At age 11, her father passed away leaving her mother as sole proprietor. Mom spent much of her time with her aunt and uncle in Berkeley, CA and, since troop movement made civilian travel difficult, she stayed in CA and graduated from Anna Head School in 1945.

Mom met her future husband, Primo Piovesan, while working at the Bellingham Airport. Mom and Dad were married at Church of the Assumption on September 27, 1947. Their first home was at Lake Whatcom and, in the early 50's, moved to Ferndale, WA where Dad continued his veterinary practice.

Most of Mom's adult life was spent in a support role for Whatcom Veterinary and, though she had to be home to answer the telephone, she managed to contribute to her community. She played a key part in making the Ferndale

Community Pool a reality, she was a campfire leader, and an Old Settlers volunteer, to name a few. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ferndale, was her home parish since 1954.

Mom was an active member in both the Bellingham Golf and Country Club and Shadow Mountain Golf Club in Palm Desert, CA. An avid gardener, her vegetable garden, flower beds and yard were her sanctuary. She was an amazing cook and taught us good nutrition by example. Mom was a partner in Bellingham Travel and enjoyed helping people with their travel needs.

After Dad died, Mom decided she would spend her birthday in a different place every year so her daughters and their husbands took turns enjoying some memorable birthday trips with her.

Always one to look forward and not back, Mom sold the house on Vista Drive in June, 2017 and moved to The Willows. She enjoyed her Willows community and formed wonderful friendships there.

Preceding Mom in death were her parents, her husband Primo, brothers Chuck (Willie) Wilson, Dick (Helen) Wilson, brothers-in-law Phil Rooney and Aldo Piovesan. She is survived by her daughters Ann (Jake) Hardy, Mary (Mike) Boedigheimer, Judy (Jim) Harvey and sisters-in-law Irma Rooney and Barbara Piovesan. Grandchildren Jason (Tammy) Hardy, Joshua Hardy, Andrew (Allisen) Hardy, Jennifer (Chantz) Ditter, Anna Boedigheimer, Kristen (Chad) Tollefson, Dean (Marlo) Harvey, Rikki (Bill) Handy; 10 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. Mom also leaves her special Ferndale friends and her Shadow Mountain family in Palm Desert, CA.

An amazing example, Mom lived her life with grace and dignity and wanted everyone to “cry smiling and cry laughing”. Following her wishes there will be

a celebration of life at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club, 3729 Meridian, from 4 – 6 pm on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019. Private burial will take place on Sept. 14, 2019 at Blaine Cemetery with Fr. Francis Thumbi officiating.

Memorials may be made to Old Settlers Assoc. P.O. Box 993, Ferndale, WA 98248; Whatcom Hospice Foundation, 2901 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham, WA 98225; St. Joseph Catholic Church, 5781 Hendrickson Avenue, Ferndale, WA 98248; or a charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Nan’s presence will be missed but our memory of her will last forever. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. God Bless. With love, Dave and Pam Piovesan

Dave and Pam Piovesan - September 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sad to hear of your mom’s passing. Thought she’d live forever with all of her strength and energy. She loved you girls so much and at least I know she is happy with Primo and all of her family. Take care of yourselves. You were so fortunate to have such a wonderful mother. Love to all of you, Nancy

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