



Shirley J. Jones

January 25, 1935 - February 3, 2021

Shirley Jones, age 86, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2021. Shirley was born in Bellingham, Washington on January 25, 1935 to parents Butler and Ethel Nichols. She was a 1953 graduate of Bellingham High School and married Delbert D. Jones on June 6, 1959.

Together they adopted 4 siblings in addition to Del's 2 daughters and while things were tight, they always made sure they went camping and did family activities. Once Del retired from the Fire Department and the kids were grown, they became "snow birds" dividing their time between Bellingham and Yuma. Shirley loved gardening and the first thing she did in either location was getting her flowers blooming – her garden had much to admire. She also loved to travel, and they went from a tent, to RV, to a custom bus, and camped throughout the United States. After Del died, she continued to travel and the world was her oyster! She had 5 trips planned at the time of her passing and only COVID could keep her at bay. She had endless energy and hobbies too many to mention but enjoyed her daily walks, water aerobics, clogging, playing bridge, genealogy, and her many friends.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband Delbert, sister Gladyn Dyer, and brother Dennis Nichols. She is survived by her children Ray (and Patty) Jones of Custer, WA, Peggy Coleman of Bellingham, WA, Dale Jones of Bellingham, WA, Ellen Jones of Bellingham, WA, Vicki Flojo of Orange, CA, Kaye Cee

(and Blair) McKay of Bonsall, CA; her thirteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, her siblings Dana Nichols of Soldotna, AK and Nola Pulver of Blaine, WA as well as six nieces and nephews.

Shirley will be laid to rest with her husband Delbert at Bayview Cemetery in Bellingham, Washington.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was sad to come upon Shirley’s obituary in the paper. I am one of the tap dancers that had the pleasure of dancing with Shirley while she was in town and wasn’t down in Arizona clogging. I always looked forward to Shirley’s return in the spring from snow birding – she was such a ray of sunshine. In the last years, we didn’t see Shirley as much due to her other travels. Despite being away for months from tap dancing, Shirley was never far behind when she returned because she made the effort to video our tap routines before her departure and practice while away from us. Our tap group at the Senior Center is quite a tight-knit group – we will certainly miss her – she was part of our tapping family.

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