



Charlotte June Caulkins

June 19, 1929 - May 9, 2021

Charlotte Caulkins (née Severance) left this world May 9, 2021. She was born June 19, 1929 in Billings, Montana to Earnest and Clara Severance. She was baptized at the age of 8 into the American Baptist Church in which she grew to take on a number of leadership roles. As a senior in high school, she was elected President of the Montana State American Baptist Youth Fellowship. She attended Rocky Mountain College and as a senior was elected Student Body President. She graduated in 1954 with a degree in Secondary Education and taught for the next five years and later returned as a substitute teacher. In 1955 she married James Caulkins and they spent their honeymoon on a look-out tower near Missoula, Montana where Jim had taken a summer job with the U.S. Forest Service. Upon her husband's graduation from seminary, she retired from teaching and became a full-time homemaker.

Over the next eight years three children were born into their family; Neil, Nancy and Nona. She modeled what she wanted the children to become. She was compassionate, honest and straightforward and not bashful in expressing her thoughts and opinions.

She was an accomplished seamstress, creating clothing that the family wears even today. She loved to quilt and hand-quilted quilts for every member of the family. Charlotte was a gardener. Produce from her garden and fruit from the valley were canned every year. She was a cat-lover and has had cats since

she was a child.

Charlotte was always active in the church. She was an elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), was active in its various women's groups, taught Sunday School, served on session and was Sunday School Superintendent. In later years she was active in the Lutheran Church, where her quilting skills were again put to use making quilts for Lutheran World Relief with the quilting groups at Grace Lutheran Church in Wenatchee and Cashmere.

Her faith was very important to her. She lived out her faith by reaching out to the new-comer at church and showing concern for the one who was ill. She was the one who reached out to a new neighbor and planned a "block party".

She is survived by her husband, Jim, a son Neil and his wife Tamara, a daughter Nancy and her husband Mark, a daughter Nona and her husband Michael, five grandchildren, Natalie, Luther, Emily, Nicholas and Sonja.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Grace Lutheran Church,, 1408 Washington St., Wenatchee, on Wednesday May 19 at 1:00 PM.

Memorial Donations can be made to:

Home Care Services & Hospice Care
1020 N. Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, WA 98801

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