



Deanna Fay Navone

February 7, 1937 - June 1, 2016

Deanna F. (Auvil) Navone was born to Grady and Lillie Auvil on February 7, 1937 in Waterville, Washington. She grew up in Orondo working in the family business. After graduating from Wenatchee High School in 1955, she attended Washington State University and Wenatchee Valley College where she was one of the original residents of Wells House when it was converted to a girl's dormitory. She was later a founding member of the Wells House Committee which formed to save the historical home from demolition which they were successful in doing.

It was also in 1955 that Deanna met her future husband, Bert Navone, when his sister, Ange Hall, arranged for him to escort her as Princess Orondo to the Apple Blossom Queen's Ball while he was home on leave from the Navy. They were married on June 8th, 1957 and settled in East Wenatchee, WA.

Although Deanna's focus was on raising her family, she had several jobs through the years including working as a florist and bookkeeper for Charlotte Thompson at Eastside Floral. Her summers were spent running the peach and nectarine packing shed at Auvil Fruit Company which employed the infamous Gee Whiz Kids. She was a playground supervisor at Cascade Elementary and a Blue Bird leader for the Campfire Girls.

In 1980 Deanna and Bert moved to Orondo, WA where Deanna worked as a

bookkeeper for Auvil Fruit Company until 1993 at which time she retired and moved back to East Wenatchee into the home she and Bert had built.

A lifelong seamstress, in her retirement years Deanna began quilting and was soon a member of the NCW Quilt Guild. She volunteered to help set-up the local quilt shows in addition to entering her own award winning quilts. She also donated her time and talent to make comfort quilts for those in palliative care at Central Washington Hospital.

For 25 years she attended Sew Expo with her good friend Shirley Peyton. Together they made receiving blankets for babies in foster care and pillow cases for the children at Mary Bridge Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. Deanna also anonymously supported numerous local charities.

Deanna belonged to a close knit group of sewing friends. She loved her monthly meetings with the Crazy Ladies and Invisible Stitchers, the former a quilting group and the later a hand-stitching group. She was also a member of the Brazilian Dimensional Embroidery International Guild. Deanna also loved to read, garden, and spend time at Ocean Shores.

Deanna's stubbornness, tenacity, and bravery served her well during her four year battle with cancer which ended on June 1, 2016. She was able to spend her final days as she wished, at home, surrounded by loving family and friends.

Deanna was preceded in death by her husband, Bert Navone, her parents, Grady and Lillie Auvil, and her brother, Johh Auvil. She is survived by her brother, Allen (Patti) Auvil, Kirkland, WA, her sister-in-laws, Pam Auvil, East Wenatchee, and Norma Clark and Angela Hall, Conconully, WA, her children, Anna (Jim) Wright, Manson, WA, Lorie Navone, Woodinville, WA, and Jenny (Mike) Vannier, East Wenatchee, her grandchildren, Erin (Tony) Lewis,

Kelowna, BC, Andrew (Holly) Wright, El Paso, TX, Casey Wright, Cheney, WA, Hunter Vannier, East Wenatchee, WA. and her great-grandchildren, Madilyn and Adella Lewis, Kelowna, BC.

At Deanna's request there will be no funeral services. In lieu of flowers, donations may go in support of the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society and the Women's Resource Center.

Tribute Wall

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“ Words can not express the sorrow that we feel in Deanna's passing. We have been friends of hers since high school. Can not express how much we will miss her and all of the adventures that we have shared. Rest in peace.

Pat & Shirley Peyton - June 14, 2016 at 09:06 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Deanna will forever have a special place in my families heart. We have wonderful memories of both Bert and Deanna. They were a huge part of my kids childhood memories. They were there when they rode a bike for the first time. They put up with and laughed at our goofy dog Milos obsession with Libby. Deanna sewed for our kids special holiday gifts with their names on them, which they will always treasure. Deanna was a special friend,. She was kind hearted and I will miss her infectious laugh. Rest in peace Deanna. Love, Connie

Connie Howe - June 12, 2016 at 01:22 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. First your dad, now you mom. Your mom was so nice to me as I/we were growing up! Your parents gave me my first job picking cherries at your house! Good memories. My thoughts are with all of you~

Susie Cox

Susan Cox-Caswell - June 05, 2016 at 12:33 PM