



Deanne Maxine Clark

June 2, 1929 - August 26, 2019

Deanne Maxine "Gordon" Clark

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Wenatchee, WA

Deanne M Clark - beloved mother, grandmother & great grandmother, died Monday August 26, 2019, after a beautiful month of happiness in the mountains at Senior's Haven. The entire month, she was surrounded by family, friends, and loving caregivers and slipped away peacefully at the age of 90 years old.

Deanne was born in Manson, WA on June 2, 1929 to Dan H and Annie Via (King) Gordon. Coming from a very musical family, Deanne began piano lessons at age 6 and was soon playing and singing in grade school and at church services. She played with her two older brothers (King and Bub) in a band in middle and high school.

She married Robert Vern "Olie" Clark in 1947, and as they traveled with Teamster Construction work to California and around Washington, the piano was always with them. Growing up the kids remember two upright pianos and the pump organ all in the living room at Gordon's Motor Hotel, where they were raised, at Lake Chelan. Those were the best years, as Deanne managed the Hotel from 1955 to 1963.

Deanne was a stay at home mom until her youngest started school in 1966. It was then that she began packing apples, which she did for many years. She also was a hostess for Campbell's Restaurant, a cashier at Foster's Market and a waitress at Uncle Bubs Restaurant.

In 1979 Deanne was divorced, in 1980 she moved to Alaska for the summer season to be with her two younger children, fell in love with Anchorage, and stayed. While there she worked in the offices for Whitney Fidalgo Seafoods, Sohio Alaska Petroleum Company, Woodward-Clyde Consultants, American Guard & Alert Inc. and Wal-Mart. It was here that she began teaching piano lessons. A total of 22 years were spent in Alaska, with a break of 2 years spent in Ismir Turkey with her oldest son and family, where he served a portion of his military career.

During the time she was in Turkey, she was a Self-Employed Pianist. She was contracted by the U.S. Air Force providing musical performances, accompaniment, and entertainment under military contracts for the U.S. Air Force military chapel and Officers Club. She performed for wedding and other special events. She enjoyed performing for the Turkish Annual Music Festival in Chesme, which included accompanying school bands and choral groups from three U.S. military bases in Turkey. She played every Sunday for two different churches in Izmir.

While in Alaska, she played regularly at the Governor's Mansion, and for the Young at Heart Big Band. You could find her every Sunday playing at Anchorage Bible Fellowship.

In 2002, she moved to Wenatchee, and joined Wenatchee Central Lions Club, and provided music every Friday at Club meetings and events. For the next 12 years every Sunday at Calvary Bible Church, and at many community

events. If they needed a piano player, she was ready to play.

She is preceded in death by her parents Dan & Via, her brothers King & Bub Gordon, and her sister Irene Gallant.

Deanne is survived by her children: Doug Clark from Anchorage, AK, Shannon Byquist-Freels & Hugh Freels from Manson, WA, Shelley Costello from Wenatchee, WA, Todd & Christine Clark from Anchorage, AK; Nephew, Danny Gallant from New Jersey; 11 Grandchildren and 15 Great-Grandchildren.

A funeral is scheduled for 2:00 pm, on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at Calvary Bible Church, 601 First St, in Wenatchee with Pastor Steve Whitney to officiate. All are welcome to attend. in lieu of flowers please donate to the Lions Club of your choice or Northwest Lions Foundation.

You are invited to view her website at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com and leave a memory. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear Doug, Shannon, Shelley and Todd, and families: Saddened to hear of the passing of your Mom. Thank You for the detailed obituary - as an historian, it is important that those that come after us know of us in the present and past. I didn't know her middle name was Maxine, same as my Mom's - they were both friends in the Chelan of our youth. God Bless the memory of Deanne Clark. - The Hansen family (Jack, Paula, Jim (& Sue; Jenny & Drew), and Mike) and the late Ernest F (Bud) Hansen (Peggy), Gwen Maxine Hansen, and Mark S Hansen (Sophia)

Jack H Hansen - September 14, 2019 at 11:44 AM

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“ My fondest memories of Deanna (or Deannie) as I knew her always involved the piano!! If I asked her to play she would sit down and play....anything and everything!! She was a rock star in that regard!! She always looked after me from a distance....without really saying anything... but I knew she was paying attention!! I always felt loved and cared for in her presence!!
I loved it when we got to visit her mom and dad in Lakeside!! It was clear where she learned to be a caring, loving, gentle soul!! They were extraordinary and raised an extraordinary daughter!! So much love!!
I hadn't seen her in years but she has always and will always have a special place in my heart!!
RIPno more suffering!! 💖💖
Love to the family...
Marsha (Spake) Wendel

Marsha g wendel - September 10, 2019 at 09:24 PM

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“ *It was a Joy to read the obituary so well done! I was able to peace together things I didn't understand in my past of now being 71....Thanks you, Shannon, Shelley, Doug, Zandra McFadden, (Miller, Whittington) in Spokane...Praying for a day of remembering the past good things and Blessings for the entire family!*

zanelle@comcast.net - September 09, 2019 at 12:31 PM