



Marjorie Anne Stegeman

April 3, 1938 - May 14, 2014

Marje Stegeman, 76, a Wenatchee resident for over 50 years and longtime Wenatchee School District teacher, passed away on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Central Washington Hospital.

She was born on April 3, 1938 in Chelan, Washington to the late George H. and Elizabeth Jane (O'Neal) Wilson. She was raised to an early age in Chelan prior to the family moving to Oroville. She received her elementary education in Oroville and graduated from Oroville High School with the class of 1956. She continued her education at Central Washington State College, School of Education in Ellensburg. She was so diligent with her academics that she completed her Bachelor's Degree in Education in three years. After a couple of short teaching jobs outside of the Wenatchee area she moved to Wenatchee in the fall of 1962 and began going to work for the Wenatchee School District. She had brief teaching assignments at Whitman Elementary, Mission View Elementary and Sunnyslope before teaching full time at Washington Elementary.

On August 14, 1965, she was married to Bill Stegeman at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee. They made their home together in Wenatchee and she continued teaching at Washington Elementary for over 30 years. She semi retired in 1997 and continued to substitute teach until fully retiring in 2008.

"Nana" loved her family and grandchildren first and foremost. She was an avid cheerleader and fan of all of her grandchildren. She encouraged them by

volunteering at their schools, attending various extracurricular activities but she especially enjoyed traveling out of town to attend their numerous sporting events. Recently, she was proud to announce that her granddaughter Ellen became engaged to Alec Wood and she was proud she had lived long enough to watch her two oldest grandchildren attend college. All of her grandchildren excelled in school because of the work ethic she instilled in them toward school at a young age. Marje was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wenatchee, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Retired Teachers Association and the Three Lakes Ladies Golf Club.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Stegeman, Wenatchee; one daughter, Marcy Ahr, East Wenatchee; one son and daughter-in-law, Shaun & Niki Stegeman, Wenatchee; one brother and sister-in-law, Raymond "Ray" & "Cherie" Wilson, Bellevue, WA; seven grandchildren, Ellen, Seth and Kirsten Walker, all of Wenatchee, Avery Ahr, East Wenatchee, Trey, Halle and Zayli Stegeman all of Wenatchee. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, John Wilson.

A Service of Commemoration will be held on Wednesday, May 21st at 12 noon at the Wenatchee First United Methodist Church, 941 Washington Street, Wenatchee, with Pastor Michael Nickerson officiating. Those able to attend are invited to dress comfortably and informally. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make memorial donations in her name to "Our House", Cancer Care of NCW 1708 Castlerock Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801 or the Delta Kappa Gamma, Scholarship Fund 1413 Skyline Dr., Wenatchee, WA 98801. You are invited to visit her tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

PR

“ I will miss my Aunt Marje greatly. I have such wonderful memories of her that I'll cherish forever. She was the kind of person that always made you feel you were welcomed in her circle, and loved. I remember a time we were visiting her and Uncle Bill. I was a teenager then and in to horses and horse showing. She asked me if I wanted to walk up to the corner of the street with her to see the neighbors horses. Of course, I jumped at the opportunity. She was so thoughtful and considerate like that. I also remember the many hiking and camping trips we took with her and Uncle Bill. Although my parents made it fun for us, Bill and Marje made it "complete". I always looked forward to those weekend trips if I knew they were joining us. So many special, special memories. I will miss her and she will never be forgotten. God's love be with you.

Pam Rasmussen - May 21, 2014 at 11:27 AM

DP

“ Our heart and prayers go out to you and your family in the lose of Marj. She was a great friend and I will miss her. (Especially on the golf course!)

Donna Pershall - May 20, 2014 at 12:58 PM

BC

“ *Marje was a dedicated woman educator and an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma. I worked with her at the state level and wanted you to know how proud we were of her work and her accomplishments.*

Her interest is helping promote education for women, her help in making scholarships available, and now her recent work on the Nominations Committee for Alpha Sigma State WA to recruit new leadership and help women educators to advance their skills has been vital to our organization.

May your fond memories of her comfort you and warm your heart at this difficult time and as you continue to live her values and celebrate her life.

Blessings to each of you!

Barb

Barbara Clausen - May 19, 2014 at 04:09 PM

BB

“ Dear Stegeman Family,

John and I want to send our sympathy. Our heart goes out to your entire family.

I have always loved all of Sue's teacher friends ... Marje was one of the very special ones! Before even moving to Wenatchee, she helped give me one of the most beautiful, wedding showers with so many special touches that only a teacher and wonderful friend would do. At the time, I barely knew her but could see what a special friendship she had with my mother-in-law, Sue.

After John and I moved to Wenatchee, I loved seeing her pull up to Sue's house, ready for a walk, and getting to hear fun stories about her children and grandchildren. I loved hearing her tell stories. She had a memorable voice and cadence of speech, with a touch of dry humor.

Great memories include sitting next to her at the Apple Blossom parade and running into her at games as she was cheering on one of her grandchildren. I saw her at swim meets, basketball, and soccer games ... though I know she went to many, many more! She lovingly became known to our kids as "Grandma Marje".

I always admired her strength and commitment to family ... looked forward to sampling the beautiful and delicious cherries she always brought to Sue ... hoped for friendships as special as the teacher-friends ... and enjoyed the many special times she spent with our family.

She will be greatly missed.

With Love,

Brooke & John Berry

Brooke Berry - May 18, 2014 at 07:41 PM