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Martha Lea Fox, 77, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Martha was born March 2, 1946 to Ivan and Ethel Hougham in Holyoak, Colorado. Her father's

new job with the Forest Service and a three day train ride brought Martha and her family from

Colorado to Leavenworth, WA in 1951. Another Forest Service assignment brought the family to

Ellensburg, WA in 1957; then back to Cashmere, Wa in 1959, until finally settling in Wenatchee,

WA in 1962. Martha graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1965. Jerry Lyon, Martha's

brother-in-law, introduced Dave and Martha and Dave knew immediately she was the one; on

June 2, 1973 she married the love of her life, David Lawrence Fox in Wenatchee, Washington.

Martha had a passion for music starting at a young age playing the flute and piano. Marching in

the Wenatchee High School Golden Apple Band for the Apple Blossom

parade and football games was a highlight for her. She carried on her love for music throughout her life as she played the flute during worship services at the churches she has served in, as well as, with her friends and family. It wouldn't take long for her to suddenly start playing the piano and enthusiastically belt out verses to I Will Sing unto the Lord. On any given day she would sing, If you're Happy and You know It while her family was eating dinner or watching television or even over the fence with the neighbor. Her love for the Lord filled her heart and had no choice but to come out in song. Martha's other loves include, baking, painting, ceramics, game shows, video games, volunteering at the church and loving on her children and grandchildren. Living in the Bates St. house for over forty years, Martha and Dave were the neighborhood mother and father and grandmother and grandfather to many children. Martha was always a kid at heart; the sunrise and sunsets, full moons, thunder and lightening, forest fires, and sirens always excited her and peaked her interest. She would always call the kids over to share in her excitement. Many times she has told the story of taking comfort in hugging her dolly on that train ride to Washington, as the years went on she gave and received comfort in hugging her children and grandchildren. Martha loved without condition and was a servant at heart. She was a

wonderful wife to Dave
and loved taking care of the everyday things, being at home, raising her
children and supporting
her husband. She was truly a homemaker. Martha was always eager to cook
or bake cookies
for her husband, kids, or anyone visiting without hesitation. Her kind and
gentle ways were
outdone by her fierce faith in Jesus Christ. Without hesitation, Martha was the
first to offer a
word of encouragement or pray over her friends and family with full conviction
and trust that her
prayers are answered and her loved ones are safe and healed. Regardless of
the situations
Martha faced, her first words were that of praising Jesus and trusting Him with
all her being, as
well as, encouraging her family and friends to do the same.
Martha served various ways at Kingdom Embassy and served as volunteer
bookkeeper for
River of Life Foursquare church for many years. She and Dave played music
at nursing homes
with the Old Time Fiddlers every week, as well as, at the Christopher House
for nearly a
decade.
Martha Lea Fox, is survived by her husband of 50 years, David L. Fox, Her
children, Lena M.
Fox of Wenatchee, WA, Andrew D. Fox (Laura) of East Wenatchee, WA,
Matthew D. Fox
(Danielle) of Cashmere, WA and Joseph L. Fox of Wenatchee, WA. Sister,
Dorthea Paulson of
Olympia, WA, brother Robert Hougham (Peggy) of Okanogan, WA. and seven

grandchildren;

Halle Fox, Emily Fox, Lindsey Fox, Kairi Fox, Liam Fox, Khloe Fox and Klaire Fox and many

nieces and nephews.

Martha Lea Fox was preceded in death by her father Ivan Hougham and mother Ethel Hougham

of Wenatchee, WA, brother Marlin Hougham (Bonnie) of Hermiston, OR, sisters Carol Lyons

(Loren) of Selah, WA and Phyllis Lyon (Jerry) of Wenatchee, WA

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 pm, Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Kingdom Embassy 181

1st St. SE East Wenatchee, WA 98802 with a reception following at the church.

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ We all went to church together and i met dave n martha then at Carls church. I loved when id be at Fredmeyer shopping and id see dave and martha in the same area at the store. Somehow it was this way. Was so nice cuz it brings memories back when we use to sing at nursing homes and be at their house visiting and singing. I got to visit with them not long ago at fredmeyer just some months ago. She was always kind and caring. A very loving friend ❤️

Elena I jimenez - January 06, 2024 at 03:37 PM

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“ Martha was a beautiful person in every way. What a blessing for her family to have had her in your lives! And what a blessing to have had her in ours!

To us, Martha and Dave are remarkable examples of how a Spirit-filled, Christian couple should live in their relationship with each other, friends, acquaintances, and Almighty God.

May God continue to bless you and your family, Dave, as you adjust to Martha's departure. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

— Dave Luyben and Scott Turpin

David Luyben - December 07, 2023 at 10:49 AM

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“ Sure going to miss you and your hugs!
Prayers and blessings to Dave & family!
(((Hugs)))

Tami D.

Tami Demers - December 05, 2023 at 06:39 PM