



## Mary Jane MaGee

March 15, 1936 - May 3, 2018

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Mary Jane MaGee, born March 15, 1936, passed away May 03, 2018. She is survived by her sister Margaret Armann of East Wenatchee WA, her brother Patrick MaGee and sister-in-law Carolyn MaGee of Wenatchee WA, niece Mary Beatrice Armann of East Wenatchee WA, niece Debora Wahl of Long Mont, CO, nephew Ace Armann of Sheridan WY, nephew Patrick Armann of East Wenatchee, WA, Niece Melissa MaGee Fulton of Bellevue, WA and nephew James MaGee of Tacoma, WA. She passed away at home in peace being cared for by her family. She was preceded in death by her husband William J. Galbraith, and her parents, James H. MaGee and Henrietta Dickinson MaGee of Evansville, WY.

Mary Jane was born in Casper, WY. She graduated from Natrona County High School in 1954 and attended Casper Junior College. While attending Casper Junior College she was an active volunteer for Gale McGee who was elected the first Democratic Senator in 71 years from the State of Wyoming in 1958. She received a special letter of gratitude for her loyalty, devoted hard work and faithful service. He was elected by a thin margin of votes but went on to serve till 1977 and later served the Carter and Reagan administrations as ambassador to the Washington-based Organization of American States.

Mary Jane enjoyed a lengthy and successful career as a federal civil servant. She began working for the Social Security Administration's appeals branch in Oakland, California, during the late 1970s, where she assisted Judge Raymond B. Little. After briefly working for the Navy Department at Treasure Island, California, in the mid 1980's, she rejoined Judge Little when he was appointed Hearing Office Chief Judge in Seattle in 1986. There she worked as the Assistant Manager until her retirement in 1997. As Assistant Manager she was in charge of day-to-day floor operations in a large appeals office, supporting Administrative Law Judges in their conduct of hearings. During her tenure, her office was usually near the top of its region in performance.

Mary Jane loved to read and was rarely seen without a book in her hand when she was not working. It was one of the great joys in her life. She loved to talk about books she had read or was reading with others who shared this love.

Mary Jane's greater call, though, was as a beloved confidant and reliable friend during a lifetime of active membership and service in Alcoholics Anonymous. Never shy about the organization or its benefit to her, she devoted herself to those similarly afflicted and in need of friendship, counsel and some times financial aid. Her speaking skills, laced with equal parts wisdom, wit, and compassion, were such that for many years she was in high demand as a speaker at the organization's functions throughout the area. Mary Jane became an "Old Timer" in Alcoholics Anonymous by not drinking and not dying. When Mary Jane departed for her "Big Meeting in the Sky", she had been sober longer than she had been alive when she came to A.A. Mary Jane will be sorely missed by the many to whom she reached out and touched.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 12:30 PM, located at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee, WA, 98802. Following Mass, a Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM at the

home of Patrick and Carolyn MaGee, located at 1580 S. Miller St.,  
Wenatchee, WA, 98801

Further details and online tributes can be viewed at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com). In lieu of flowers please make donations to Alcoholics Anonymous or [alz.org](http://alz.org). Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee, WA.