



Phyllis K Flagel

September 23, 1937 - December 12, 2013

The Cashmere Valley lost their #1 Sports Fan, Phyllis K. Flagel, on Thursday, December 12, 2013, she was 76.

Phyllis was born on September 23, 1937 to the late Rex and Lois (Searles) Kish in Cashmere. She was raised with her brother Roy and two sisters, Ellen and Beverly. She attended school and graduated with the Class of 1955.

Phyllis was a hard worker and started work as a cashier at Safeway and later at JC Penney's, in Cashmere, then as a fruit packer at Vale and Pioneer Growers. In 1963 she met and married Stanley Flagel in Cashmere and together they raised three children, Susan, Rusty and Terri.

While raising her family and ever the sports enthusiast she not only taught her children to play and love sports as much as she did, she continued her athletic participation in local sport leagues, tennis every Monday morning; bowling and softball for the Cashmere Yellow Jackets. First base was "her" position of choice but often she was called in as pitcher. Rusty recalls being "bat boy", learning to score keep (regardless of the sport) and around cheerleader for his mom and the teams she played with. In later years her participation turned to being recognized as Cashmere's #1 Fan, which she was officially awarded, along with Grandma Doane, by the Cashmere Booster Club; an honor that she was most proud. She was known as being first in line (and early, by quite a bit) at the door or gate for every football or basketball event (home and away) and when she could she would be helping handing out programs, taking money or selling tickets for a fundraiser raffle. Known to have the

scores of not only local but college and national teams which she loved to share them with the coffee crew that would gather regularly at Barneys' in the mornings. Her greatest pleasure was caring for her granddaughters, Tasha and Mikela. She would take them to Sunday school or Bible school and be their teacher (she loved to provide arts and crafts projects for all the preschoolers), watch them during swim lessons and compete on the swim team, drive them to and from school and other events. Terri remembers the first time the girls walked home from school, "mom drove really slow(behind the girls) and watched them walk all the way to the house" "finally the girls realized it was just easier to have Grandma drive them". When the girls started playing tennis grandma was right there, cheering them on, driving them to and from practice, attending matches as often as possible, wearing sports buttons with the girl's faces on them pinned to her vest. Her smile was even bigger as she proclaimed that the girls had won State Titles in tennis. She was not only their cheerleader but every other athlete's as well. She was a proud fan. Children growing up in Cashmere at one time or another were the recipient of her kind and generous heart. She loved the community and all that it stood for.

She was a member of Cashmere Grace Lutheran Church and active with Children's Ministry and Education programs, Cashmere Bulldog Booster Club and the American Legion Auxiliary #64 of Cashmere.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stanley and sister Ellen Kinamon.

She leaves behind her children, Susan Snelson, Tacoma, Rusty Flagel and Terri (Rich) Kowatsch both of Cashmere; sister, Bev Lobe, Cashmere; brother, Roy Kish, Marysville; brother in-laws, Jim (Janet) Flagel, Cashmere, Jerry (Joanne) Flagel, Renton, Ed (Marlene) Flagel, Auburn; sister in-law Shirley (Mike) Kikuchi, Wenatchee; granddaughters, Mikela Kowatsch, Bemidji, MN and Tasha Kowatsch, Cashmere.

You are invited to visit her online tribute to leave message and memories for her family at: www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. A Funeral Service will be

held on Friday, December 20, 2013, 11:00am at Cashmere Grace Lutheran Church, interment will follow at the Cashmere Cemetery with Pastor Rob Gohl, officiating. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, Cashmere.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I haven't known Phyllis as long as most of you, but in the years that I have either at School sports or Church, she was a great supporter of both. She loved her children, granddaughters, & her church family very much. She has left a legacy for all of us to follow & I'm sure her granddaughter will keep it going in all their sporting events. Grandma may not be here to cheer you on, but you can bet on it that she has your back in every tennis or soccer match or Basketball game you are in. Thank you for sharing her with us. She will be greatly missed.

Maureen Stolte - December 19, 2013 at 07:53 PM

NM

“ Phyllis, was a classmate of mine.
we will miss her, she was always there and ready to help in any way she could.
She was a very nice woman and truly loved her children and grandchildren.
May she rest in peace. Classmate
Nina

Nina Grigsby Miller - December 18, 2013 at 08:35 PM

BR

“ I remember Phyllis while I played softball. I played against and sometimes with her(as I was a pick up player for there team once.) I remember her as a very kind person and represented our sport with honestly,integrity,and always with wonderful sportsmanship.. She will be missed and I am sure will meet up with many other softball friends on the other side. Thanks Phyllis for all you did.
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Barb Rayburn - December 18, 2013 at 06:14 PM

RM

“ I've known Phyllis and the Flagel family my whole life. She was a hard working caring person that will be missed not only by me but the whole community. What really sticks out in my mind was the athletic ability. I still remember watching Phyllis and the Cashmere Yellowjackets at the old baseball field. My thoughts are with the family she'll be missed!

Randy Milne - December 18, 2013 at 05:54 PM

PD

“ Years ago we ladies of Cashmere formed a Tennis Ladder and on Monday mornings we would play doubles on the old courts. We had so much interest that we had to play in two groups, one at 8 am and the other later. Phyllis and I were often doubles partners but sometimes we had different partners- playing against each other. I alwayed want to be her partner as she was a fierce competitor and never gave up! We had so much fun and then later on Phyllis and I watched our kids, Terri and Pete as they played tennis at CHS and on to State! Great memories, will miss that smile.

Patti Davis - December 18, 2013 at 03:20 PM

TM

“ There isn't a time that I don't remember Phyllis in the community. My first memories is of her wearing a "bright" yellow softball team jacket. As years went by there wasn't a school event that I attended that she wasn't there, and most of the times at the entrance, greeting each and everyone that entered. In the last few years I'm one of many that were blessed with her talents that she shared with our congregation and community in the way of Children ministry. Her kindness will FOREVER be remembered by me. You will be missed.
Tammy Miller

Tammy Miller - December 17, 2013 at 07:22 PM

JW

“ There aren't enough words to express how special Phyllis was. We grew up knowing her, she taught our boys in Sunday School and VBS when they were toddlers and then followed them as they grew up. She loved going to their basketball games and tennis matches and always had positive things to say. More than anything, she loved her children and grandchildren and was so very proud of all of them. She will be missed and there is a very special place in heaven for her.

Jerry and Marilee White - December 15, 2013 at 10:34 AM

TF

“ Such a wonderful, beautiful lady. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences. Love always.

The Wood Family - December 15, 2013 at 10:26 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Phyllis K Flagel



December 14, 2013 at 11:49 PM



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December 14, 2013 at 04:48 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Phyllis K Flagel*



December 14, 2013 at 04:33 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss... Our prayers go out to you during this time...*

Vicki and Keith Miller - December 14, 2013 at 12:35 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Phyllis K Flagel*



December 14, 2013 at 12:05 AM