



Margaret Kvinsland

September 5, 1919 - May 27, 2017

Margaret Irene Heggem Kvinsland, a long-time resident of Port Orchard, died peacefully in Gig Harbor, Washington on May 27, 2017. She was a devoted mother, beloved Mormor, Farmor, and Oldemor, and delightful Auntie Muggy to her extended family, as well as a loyal friend. Her faith and Norwegian heritage were a large part of her daily life for 97 years.

Margaret was born in Ballard on September 5, 1919, the daughter of Ingvald and Marit Heggem, immigrants from Norway. A member of Ballard First Lutheran Church, and a proud graduate of Ballard High School, she and her four siblings, grew up in a large frame house among hard working Scandinavian neighbors. Every summer the family traveled by boat to Hammersley Inlet near Shelton, to their beloved Heggembo beachfront, still enjoyed by her family, four generations later.

She met the love of her life, Stener Randolph Kvinsland, a student athlete from Poulsbo, in the library of PLC, now Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland. She enjoyed recalling that moment, "I saw him sitting there, and immediately walked over and introduced myself!" She earned a provisional teaching degree in 1940 and a BA in Education in 1962 that prepared her for a successful teaching career.

Margaret and Stener married in Ballard on June 21, 1941, and settled in Retsil. They later bought a house on Beach Drive in Waterman and created a vibrant, comfortable home for their children, Steve, Julie, and Eric, often hosting extended family, and friends. Margaret's kitchen was the center of the home, her cooking was legendary, and her Norwegian "Velkommen" hospitality foremost at all gatherings.

Margaret taught elementary school in Central Kitsap for two years and in South Kitsap for twenty-three years. She retired in 1973, and enjoyed an active retirement, traveling the world with Stener, and her in-laws, Howard and Eugenia Kvinsland. For seventeen years, they were Snowbirds and wintered in both Arizona and California, joining a caravan of college friends. After Stener died in 1998, she continued to travel with family and friends to

Paris, Norway, Hawaii, and California, also enjoying several cruises.

She was an active member of the Ann Wilson Guild at Children's Hospital, Triads, SK Faculty Wives, South Kitsap Family Kitchen, Q-Club of PLU, and Elim Lutheran Church, participating in Choir, Waterman Circle, Altar Guild, and supportive of Lutheran World Relief by knitting countless sweaters for children around the world.

In her later years, she lived independently at Ridgemont Apartments, hosting frequent visits from family and friends. She never hesitated to remind us, "I have had a wonderful life."

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Ole Heggem, sisters Mabel Morrison, Katherine Carman, and Lillian Highfill, all of Seattle.

She is survived by her children, Stephen Kvinsland of Kennewick, Julie Poier of Mill Creek, and Eric Kvinsland of Port Orchard; daughters-in-law, Judy and Janice Kvinsland; grandchildren, Anna, Paul, Kate, Emily, Elizabeth, Leif, Lars and Britta; great-grand children, Songe, Knute, Krista, Stener, Myles, Madison, Jordyn, Everly, and Mckenna; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 9 at 2:00 p.m at Elim Lutheran Church, 5911 East Hillcrest Drive, in Port Orchard where Margaret was a member for over 70 years. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Elim Lutheran Church at the above address.

Events

JUN **Graveside Service** 12:00PM

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Sunset Lane Memorial Park

1000 Bethel, Port Orchard, WA, US, 98366

JUN **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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Elim Lutheran Church

5911 E. Hillcrest Dr Port Orchard, 98366, WA, US

Comments



“ Beautiful lady and she has a beautiful family.

Valorie Kroke - June 16, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ Rest well sweet Mugsy's. Love, Nancy and Paul

Nancy Roesch - June 02, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ Margaret was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I never heard her utter a bad word about anybody. She was one of the first residents I met at Ridgmont Retirement Apartments and the most gracious. Rosie Atkinson

Rosie Atkinson - June 02, 2017 at 12:34 PM



“ All of Margaret's fellow Ann Wilson Orthopedic Guild members bid and overbid each other on her wonderful pastries she brought to our auctions! We missed them and her when she wasn't able to come to our meetings the past few years. We send prayers, deep and rich, as you all grieve. Margaret was a beautiful blessing. May you feel God's arms around you ~ ours are. Joanie Guggenmos

Joanie and Duane Guggenmos - June 04, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ I'm sorry for the loss of your Mom and grandma, I lived on beach drive and Julie and I were together all the time. Mrs Kvinsland was a wonderful woman and will be missed, but what a wonderful life she lived. Bless the whole family. Cheryl Knox Wenner.

cheryl wenner - June 05, 2017 at 12:16 PM



“ Margaret was a wonderful long-time neighbor and friend on Beach Drive. She will be greatly missed by so many people, including our family in Port Orchard and beyond. -- Tim Menees

Tim Menees - June 13, 2017 at 10:59 AM



“ Mrs. Kvinsland was my 1st Grade Teacher at Orchard Heights Elementary and she taught my classmates and myself many values that I still hold to this day. Be courteous and kind to others. A few years ago, I saw a young girl in the grocery store, wearing a jersey with Kvinsland on the back and I backed my cart up and quickly followed this her down the aisle and "yelled Kvinsland". She turned around and looked at me at which time i asked her if she was related to Margaret Kvinsland and she told me that was her grandma. I asked about my teacher, Mrs. Kvinsland, and she told me that her grandma resided at Ridgmont Terrace. I went to visit her many times only to find out she wasn't home and the residents told me her family had picked her up and took her to lunch/dinner. One day I finally found her in the lunchroom eating!!! She was a very important person to my classmates and myself. LOVED you and THANK YOU SO MUCH for how you prepared me to be the person I am today. Deanna (Bunnell) Olson

Deanna Olson - July 10, 2017 at 05:18 PM