



**Virginia L. Erickson**

Formerly of La Grande

1943-2012

Virginia Lynne Erickson, 68, of Olalla, Wash., died peacefully April 28 in Bremerton, Wash., surrounded by her family after a courageous nine-year battle with ovarian cancer. Services were held May 11 at St. Nicholas Church in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m. June 16 at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Lynne was born Aug. 1, 1943, to Betty V. and Thomas L. Faulkner in Yakima, Wash. The family moved to Pendleton then to La Grande where she graduated from La Grande High School in 1961.

Growing up in La Grande, Lynne was a saxophone player in the pep band and a member of the choir. She was a Union County fair maid one year. She said she built wonderful, lasting relationships with “the gals” in La Grande

In 1964, Lynne graduated from Yakima Junior College with her LPN. She enjoyed being a nurse at various hospitals and retirement centers.

Lynne married John J. Erickson on Sept. 7, 1963, in La Grande and lived in Yakima, Wash., until moving to Seattle. They eventually settled in Olalla to raise their children, Nichole and TJ.

Lynne was an active member of the community from being a Camp Fire leader to a member of the Seattle chapter of National Foundation of Ileitis and Colitis (now Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation). She owned Children’s Bear Essentials and The Dance Shop. She belonged to Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce, Relay for Life, Soroptimist International of Port Orchard and Tacoma Orthopedic Association where she founded the Betty Faulkner Guild, named for her mother.

Lynne enjoyed volunteering for anything, baking, crafting, gardening, golfing and spending time with her grandsons, Alex and Noah.

Her favorite hobby of all was RV'ing with John. She looked forward to attending the Pendleton Round Up every fall. Her favorite trip of all was seeing the national parks.

She loved spending time with her dog, Teke.

Lynne is survived by her loving husband, John of Olalla, Wash.; daughter, Nichole of Yakima, Wash.; son and daughter-in-law, TJ and Mei-Ling of Olalla, Wash.; two grandsons; uncle, Bud Hays of Shelton, Wash.; her brothers and sister-in-law, Jim and Kathi Erickson of Chehalis, Wash., and Don and Vicky Erickson of Yakima, Wash.; sister-in-law, Patty Haynes of Bremerton, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lynne was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Betty Faulkner of La Grande; and grandparents, Harry and Maude Hays.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance,

P.O. Box 19023, Seattle, WA 98109-1023 or call 206-667-6121. Those who donate should reference Lynne Erickson.