



Evelyn Lee Venstrom Preston

April 22, 1934 - October 15, 2013

Evelyn Lee Venstrom Preston passed in peace in the early morning of Tuesday, October 15, 2013, and is now with her beloved husband, Rodney, of 42 years (d 2001), and our most dear and loving and gracious Lord.

Mom was a true pioneer woman of the mid 1900's. Born in Reno, Nevada she grew up in Berkeley, California with her parents and two sisters, where University and social activities were important, including years in Rainbow Girls. Upon finishing college in 1958, she 'set out on her own', and found her way to Seattle, where she settled in the University district, and began teaching 1st grade.

One of her loves was helping children learn, she taught first grade for most of her 35 years as a teacher, and continued as a substitute teacher for years after 'retirement'.

Another love was her husband, Rod Preston. When mom arrived in Seattle, she decided it was time to meet a man. She picked an interesting, bold, coarse, waterskiing, snow skiing, man who also owned a boat and gas stations, and who's idea of education and social activities were quite different than that of her Berkeley rearing. Despite dear friends and family caution, mom plunged head on into the unknown abyss of love, and married Rod. A year later, David was born, then four years later Charlie was born. In these early years she helped Rod through college to become a teacher, and from that point on they lived a double life, one Monday thru Friday in the city where they both taught, and the other Friday afternoon thru late Sunday at a cabin in Baring, Washington. Here in Baring their love grew, as did their boys, thru many projects, and evenings walking and watching the river flow by.

Mom and dad retired in Manson, WA, on Lake Chelan in Eastern Washington (btw where they honeymooned as well). There she enjoyed the peaceful small town, its people, shops, and coffee, restaurants, and visits from family and friends. She was active in Manson and Wenatchee Kiwanis, Fortnightly, a Women's book club, and many, many activities at North Shore Bible Church.

Evelyn is survived by her sons, David William Preston (b 1960) and Charles Mason Preston (b 1965), and her sister Kay Dix; and four grandchildren, Adrian Preston, Annie Preston, Lee Preston and Hanna Preston and two great grandchildren, Sabrina and Savannah Search.

A celebration service will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. at North Shore Bible Church in Manson, WA, officiated by Reverend Dr. Craig Rayment. Donations in her name can be made to North Shore Bible Church. Arrangements are by Precht Rose Chapel.

