



Jessie Marie O'Neal

June 25, 1926 - July 6, 2020

Beloved resident of Chelan, WA, Jessie Marie (McMonagle) O'Neal passed away

peacefully at her home on July 6, 2020, eleven days after her 94th birthday. She was born Jun 25, 1926, the first daughter of Charles and Sigrid (Brun) McMonagle, in the home of her maternal Norwegian grandparents in Mica, WA.

The McMonagle's moved to Chelan around 1933 and opened Mac Chevrolet Dealership.

Jessie was voted "Princess Chelan" before graduating from Chelan High School

in 1944, a year in which the Apple Blossom Festival was cancelled due to World War II. That fall, on September 3, 1944, Jessie married her high school sweetheart, Raymond Clerc "Toad" O'Neal and they enjoyed a brief honeymoon at nearby Patterson Lake. Jessie said "it seemed like the whole town of Chelan was there fishing that Labor Day weekend!" Jessie worked at the Seattle First Bank following high school in Chelan and briefly near Bremerton while Toad was stationed prior to his departure to the South Pacific on the battleship U.S.S. Indiana. Jessie and Toad spent three happy months living in a "rat trappy" Bremerton hotel room, two blocks from the shipyard. One day Jessie looked out the window and saw Toad's battleship had shipped out. Jessie returned to Chelan and supported the war effort

with her parents. Following Toad's honorable discharge in November 1945, Toad and Jessie and their baby daughter, Linda, began earning their living in Chelan on 15 acres of apples above Spader Bay. Second daughter, Terrie, was born two years later.

Jessie enjoyed gardening, interior design, skiing, fishing, cooking, music, cross stitch and sewing. She had an eye for beauty and a penchant for creating classy and comfortable environments that made her home and patio a favorite gathering spot for family and friends. Her optimistic outlook and graceful presence turned attention to the best in people and situations, cultivating beauty wherever she looked. Jessie was a member of the Lake Chelan Methodist Church and the Lake Chelan Hospital Guild and remained lifelong friends with many members. Jessie loved animals, dogs in particular. An abiding love for her husband Toad supported a marriage of nearly 67 years.

Survivors include daughters Linda Evans Parlette (Wenatchee) and Terrie O'Neal (Snohomish), grandsons Guy (Anni) Evans (Chelan) and Luke Evans (Wenatchee), great granddaughter Jessie Marie Evans (Wenatchee), and step-great granddaughters Selehah and Gianna Hisey. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Raymond "Toad" O'Neal in 2011, and her sister, Naomi Van Klinken in 1986.

Jessie's family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Tony Long, nurse Barbara, Hospice, and the loving [care] from her care givers in her home. Those who wish may make memorial donations in Jessie's name to:
the
Chelan Valley Hope (Tender Loving Care) (PO Box 635, Chelan, WA 98816);
the
Wenatchee Valley Humane Society (P.O. Box 55 Wenatchee, WA 98807); and

the

Alzheimer's Association (225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601) or
the Lake Chelan Methodist Women (Box 1236, Chelan, WA 98816)

Please feel free to leave any thoughts and memories for the family at
www.prechtrose.com. Services are entrusted to Precht Rose Chapel of
Chelan.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, Jessie's Celebration of Life will be
held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie Marie O'Neal*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Jessie and her fellow bridge players welcomed me back to Chelan by beating me regularly. I was one of their pickup players and loved hearing the stories told around the card tables by Jessie and her friends, Ethel Campbell, Dorothy Kelly---the names so familiar---these were the Grande Dames of Chelan. They knew my grandmother, Mina Firman, and told facinating stories about our shared history. I loved every minute of it. Jessie always drove because, as someone said, "She is the best driver, of all of us, ever". She must have applied those skills to raising her family, because they all turned out to be aces and continue to be a blessing to Chelan and the Lake Chelan Valley. Thank you, Jessie. It's been a pleasure.*



Wendy Isenhart - August 19, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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“ The passing of Jessie closes the final chapter of the antics and adventures of Toad and Jessie O'Neal and Bill and Wilma Veroske. Toad passed in 2011, Bill in Sept, 2019, and Wilma just last March, 2020. The four of them were true friends for decades in the apple business, helping to organize and host unlimited hydroplane racing on Lake Chelan in the 1950s, helping to organize and grow Echo Valley Ski Area in the 1950s and 60s, Bill and Toad serving as National Ski Patrol volunteers at Mission Ridge in the 1960s and 70s, innumerable boating/camping/fishing trips up Lake Chelan, many, many ski trips to Western US and European destinations and fishing trips to Alaska, driving the AICan Highway several times. They were always a part of our family's visits to Lake Chelan after Bill & Wilma moved to Portland, OR, in late 2008. Jessie's 1944 title of "Princess Chelan" carried through to her and my folks' attendance at the Manson Apple Blossom Festival Parade in 2017 and celebration later at Benson Vineyards Estate Winery, a favorite meeting place for Wilma and Jesse. "Always Fun" would aptly describe Toad and Jess and Bill and Wilma together.



Nick Veroske - August 10, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ DALE HOFFMAN FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessie Marie O'Neal



DALE HOFFMAN FAMILY - July 12, 2020 at 03:12 PM

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“ When Jessie came into Chelan's United Methodist Church's weekly Soup Kitchen for homemade soup and sandwiches, it was the highlight of our lunch hours. She was ALWAYS positive about everything from a person's smile to what a person was wearing. She also had a cute sense of humor and would say something that we didn't expect and everyone at the community table had a good laugh. She dearly missed her late husband, Toad, of so many years and she talked fondly about him. She was such a bright spot of cheer in our 90 minutes with her and, of course, she always raved about the meal. I will miss her so much. I am fortunate to have known her through the years. Gaylen Willett

Gaylen Willett - July 11, 2020 at 06:32 PM