



Lillian Polley

October 12, 1930 - July 16, 2023

Lillian Mae Polley passed away on July 16, 2023. She lived with dementia for many years. Lillian was born on October 12, 1930, in California, to Ida and Tracy Craig. The family then moved to Chelan to join her grandfather in his icehouse business. Chelan became her lifelong home. She had many fond memories of her childhood. Some of them were playing hide and seek, kick the can, and swimming for hours with the children of the town. She told stories of being so excited to finally be big enough to use the rope swing that went out over the water! Lillian graduated high school and married Duane Polley, three days after she turned 18. She said that he then quit bugging her so much at work in the city park at the popcorn stand! Once in while she would remind him that he was just her first husband. They were married 73 years.

Lillian and Duane had two daughters. She stayed home to raise them, except to work in the harvest packing apples. Lillian was an expert seamstress who made all her daughters' clothes including their wedding dresses, then she said OK, that's it! That was not really true because she also made baby blankets for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a wonderful cook and baker. She made the best pies ever! She loved her family so much and was always there with help and a hug. Every holiday, her house was full of kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, and many pups also. Wonderful chaos! Lillian also enjoyed going for walks, out to lunch, and playing cards with her friends. She especially liked going up lake to the family

cabin with Duane and their close friends the Pepples.

Lillian was a funny, sweet, and kind women, who always looked for the bright side of everything in life. She will be in our hearts forever. We will always remember her laughter and wonderful hugs. Watch out Dad here she comes!

Lillian is survived by her daughters: Linda and Janis; Her grandchildren: Jessica, Keelyanne, Gabrielle, Meghan, and Casey; great-grandchildren: Thomas, Nolan, Tristan, Ethan, Grace, and Halee; nieces: Cydney, Debbie, Crystal, Teresa and Barb; and nephew, Scott.

The family would like to thank Hospice and Welcome Home Villa for their expert and loving help with Mom's end of life care. We would not have been able to handle it without you. Big hug from Jan.

Tribute Wall

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Debbie Kaiser - July 24, 2023 at 01:29 PM

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“ Lillian, was my Aunt and a good friend to me and our family. She always treated me (Debbie) just like I was one of her own children. When my mother Joyce passed away, her and Duane were like second family to my husband and I. She always enjoyed talking to us about her life growing up in Chelan and her parents Ida and Tracy Craig(my grandparents). The memories she shared with our family will not soon be forgotten. She was a very strong and funny woman with a heart of gold. She would do anything for her family and we enjoyed many special times with both her and Duane.

She is the last of the Craig children and the end of that generation. We were so lucky to have had her and Duane in our lives as they made our lives better! We will miss both of their hugs and all of the love that they shared with us. They will now be together in heaven and taking those special trips up Lake Chelan to the family cabin.

Debbie Kaiser - July 24, 2023 at 01:19 PM



Thank you Debbie for loving your Aunt and Uncle, they loved you all very much!

Janis Breeze - August 02, 2023 at 05:48 PM



Mom, you left us all with so many wonderful memories. Miss you so much!

Janis Breeze - August 03, 2023 at 09:29 AM



My aunt Lillian was a wonderful aunt and a tremendous comfort to me (Teresa) and my sisters when our mother passed away. She had a joyful laugh and a distinctive voice that was a boon to me during my teenage years when my own family situation was not always ideal. I loved her very much and I wish I could have seen her more often; yet whenever I could visit, she and uncle Duane welcomed me and my family with open arms. I know she will be very much missed by her children and also by us "three girls," her sister Joyce's daughters. She touched our lives immeasurably.

Teresa Dennison - August 05, 2023 at 11:57 AM



Still missing you Mom and always will. Thanks for the wonderful memories.

Janis k Breeze - December 06, 2023 at 07:10 PM



Miss you and Dad very much. Time passes but you will always be in all of our hearts.

Jan - July 16, 2024 at 07:06 PM