



Mary Cochran

August 8, 1937 - June 2, 2023

To summarize the legacy of one's life is no easy task. To convey in words their story is a task filled with both honor and sorrow. But as Mary knew so well during the course of her life, sorrow and joy can often co-exist.

Mary Joyce Stuart Cochran was born on August 8, 1937, in Nampa, Idaho. She was adopted as an infant and raised by Earl and Ella Stuart. She grew up in Idaho, eventually meeting the love of her life, Lenard, in high school. Lenard and Mary were married August 12, 1954 in Nampa. Mary kept busy raising a son and three daughters during those early years, and in 1969, the couple moved to Chelan, WA with their four children. Soon after the family's arrival in Chelan, Lenard and Mary found out what makes the Lake Chelan valley such a wonderful place to call home (which they did for over 40 years!) via their involvement in the local bowling league, church, and volunteering for school and community activities.

Mary eventually went to work at Western Auto in Chelan and later the Lake Chelan Clinic as a transcriptionist, until her retirement. After her retirement from the clinic, Mary dedicated her time and talents to helping care for her beloved grandchildren, as well as volunteering through church and other community service organizations. One of Mary's favorite volunteer activities was keeping local and surrounding city and county law enforcement fed at the community kitchen during the height of Chelan's Memorial Day Weekend

craziness, in the late 80's and early 90's. She also used her gift of sewing to create stuffed teddy bear 'Mary's Bears' even selling them at local establishments for a time. She loved to bake, with a habit for licking her fingers when she'd made something especially tasty; like her famous blueberry cobbler or chocolate chip cookies. Keeping the cookie jar full for the grandkids was a fulltime job!

Although Mary was affected throughout her life by serious illness and injury, some of which stemmed from a bout of Polio as a child, these experiences allowed her to empathize greatly with others facing similar struggles. She was often the first to inform the church prayer chain if a family member was facing hardship. One of her greatest joys was simply being surrounded by her family and loved ones. Lenard and Mary moved to Wenatchee, WA in 2008, followed by a move to Sequim, WA in 2017, where she resided at the time of her death.

Mary is survived by her husband of almost 69 years, Lenard. She is also survived by daughters: Brenda (Greg) Hendrick, Dawn (Brian-deceased) Harris, and Lynn (Vern) Fosket; as well as nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ella and Earl Stuart; and son, Tim.

To know Mary was to know how much she loved hearing a good story that was going to make her laugh. To know her was to know that you could bet cash money that if you showed up at the house around 1pm on a weekday, "Days of Our Lives" would be on the television. The daytime dramas were her guilty pleasure! To know her was to refrain from correcting her every time she said "waRSHington" and not "washington." To know her was to know how much she loved a freshly clipped bundle of roses (preferably from her yard) sitting on the dining room table. To know Mary was to know that she loved her family, extended family and dear husband, Lenard, fiercely, to the very end. Most importantly, to know Mary is also to know that as believers in Jesus

Christ, we believe we will see her again someday; free from pain and suffering, and preferably with a piping hot plate of blueberry cobbler."

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Precht Rose Chapel
332 E. Woodin Avenue
PO Box 306
Chelan, WA 98816
(509) 682-2524
mike@prechtrose.com
<https://prechtrose.com>

Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Precht Rose Chapel
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PO Box 306
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Graveside Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Chelan Fraternal Cemetery
815 N. Bradley St.
Chelan, WA 98816

Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Cochran*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - June 06, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Deb Feller-Bass lit a candle in memory of Mary Cochran*



Deb Feller-Bass - July 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM

RW

“ *Very sad to have missed her service. She was always such a delight to be around and was missed when they moved away. Our condolences to the immediate and extended family. Our prayers for her as she makes the next steps on her journey.*

Rich and Mary Watson - June 10, 2023 at 08:23 PM

MP

“ Marie A. Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mary Cochran



Marie A. Palmer - June 08, 2023 at 11:08 AM

MP

So glad I got to know you. RIP Mary. May God keep you in the comfort of His loving arms.

Marie A. Palmer - June 08, 2023 at 11:09 AM

RL

“ So sorry to hear this. Enjoyed chatting with her a few times on facebook. Rest in Peace and in the Arms of our Loving Lord.....

Randy Lindholm_Snider - June 06, 2023 at 12:06 AM

JK

“ Mary was more like an Aunt to me than a cousin!!!! I have such good memories of the fun times I had with Mary and Lenard when they would visit in Nebraska and Oklahoma!!! I loved them dearly and want to send Lenard, Brenda, Dawn , and Lynn my deepest sympathies, prayers , and love!!!

Janet Short Kirkpatrick - June 05, 2023 at 10:00 PM

MM

I'm so sorry to hear this news! I also remember the important get together times here in Nebraska and in Oklahoma! I was blessed to experience the wonderful relationship between my Mom and siblings and having Grandma Short being at the heart of our family! May she rest in peace! My thoughts and prayers are with you Lenard and Brenda, Dawn, Lynn and your families!

Merril Sowl Milberger - June 05, 2023 at 10:55 PM

BG

“ Sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I remember her many years as a transcriptionist at the Lake Chelan Clinic. She was always a very pleasant employee and professional in her areas of responsibility. She will be missed by all. Bob Gervais, Clinic Administrator

Bob Gervais - June 05, 2023 at 09:49 PM

CL

“ Lynn, Vern Megan, Mallory and Naomi, (and the rest of Mary's family) we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom and Grandma. She was such a sweet lady. We had the opportunity to get to know her several times while babysitting the girls so many years ago! Praying for peace and comfort during this time for all of you! We love and miss you!! Cheryl and Jim Larson

cheryl and Jim Larson - June 05, 2023 at 09:25 PM

CW

“ R.I.P. Mary
Thoughts and prayers to the family.



Cheryl A. Williams - June 04, 2023 at 09:18 AM