



Mary Joyce Steele

October 17, 1930 - June 18, 2022

Mary Joyce Wilson Steele, a life-long resident of Brewster, Washington, passed away on June 18, 2022, at the age of 91. She was born October 17, 1930, in Ocoma, South Dakota, to Whitney and Norma Bice. At the age of seven, she moved to Washington state where she attended grade schools in Malott, Manson, Leavenworth, Winthrop and Bainbridge Island.

In 1945, she moved with her younger brother, Don and parents, Norma and Forrest Wilson to Brewster, WA, and graduated from Brewster High School in 1948. She was very proud that she and all four of her children were Brewster Bear graduates and she was a lifelong supporter of Brewster school programs.

She continued living in Brewster where she married Kyle Jenkins and had four children. She attended Kinman Business College in Wenatchee and studied accounting. In 1962, she married Jasper Walker and moved to Twisp, WA, in the Methow Valley. The family returned to Brewster in 1964. She married Ralph Steele in 1985 and lived in Brewster for the remainder of her life.

Joyce was a 60-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a member of the Okanogan/Douglas County Hospital Guild, a cub scout leader and an active senior citizen, She was a breast cancer survivor and an active participant in cancer walks. Well known for her candy making and cake

decorating, she was called on often to provide her confections for celebrations throughout the community and around the area. Her passion for Christmas decorating was second to none and she loved nothing more than trying to win the annual Best Christmas Decorated House in Brewster. She loved music, dancing and spending time with her family and friends, summers at the Alta Lake cabin and her greatest joy was being a loving grandma.

In addition to being a wife, mother and homemaker, Joyce worked outside the home packing apples and waitressing before becoming a manager for Brewster Drug, until health reasons forced her to retire.

Joyce is survived by her brother, Don Wilson (Liz), Spokane, WA; her children: Terry Walker (Jacki) of Medical Lake, WA, Gary Walker (Patty) of Carlton, WA, Gloria Poulsen (Todd) of Brewster, WA; four grandchildren: Josh Walker, Jill Walker, Tia Townsend and Danielle Campbell (Chris); six great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Her family also included many step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, all who she loved as her own. She was preceded in death by her parents, Forrest and Norma Wilson; her daughter, Diane Walker Shaw; husband, Ralph Steele; and two brothers: Charles Bice Wilson; and infant, Ronnie Bice.

The family would like to give special thanks to Marlen De Ochoa of Casa Mia in Brewster for the loving care and friendship she provided our mother over this past year.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be sent in her memory to The American Cancer Society.

Celebration of Life will be held at Barnes Chapel in Brewster on Saturday, on July 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. A dinner will follow at the American Legion Hall in Brewster.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **16.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Barnes Chapel
510 W. Indian Avenue
PO Box 306
Brewster, WA 98812
(509) 689-3494
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Tribute Wall



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



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - July 08, 2022 at 11:59 AM

CL

Such a beautiful tribute Gloria! I remember my Aunt Kathy and your mom being close friends and enjoyed seeing all the pictures ❤️

Carlee Lawless - July 11, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ *Mary Joyce Steele*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

EP

“ *Joyce was like a mother to me most of my life, I just knew she would always be there for me. We had so much fun with the bear collection and I have several of them to always remember her. I love you Joyce and I'm sure you're keeping Rich in line. Until we meet again*

Ellen Park - June 29, 2022 at 04:29 PM

MG

“*Joyce and my mom were best friends for many years. I believe Annabel (Mom)! Is waiting with her arms wide open to welcome Joyce home. Rest In Peace Joyce .*

Melinda Good - June 29, 2022 at 06:57 AM

CB

“*Joyce was so good and kind to me from the time I was a young girl. I considered her to the likes of another Mom. May she rest in loving peace and soar with her daughter, Diane.*

Cheryl Cutler Bost - June 23, 2022 at 01:22 PM