



## Shirley Vaughn

March 6, 1937 - February 9, 2024

Shirley E. Vaughn of Chelan, WA passed away on February 9, 2024 in her home after a brief battle with cancer. Shirley was born March 6, 1937 in Everett, Wa to Richard Mahlum and Mary Ruth Whitely. She spent a large part of her childhood in Wenatchee, Wa where she met and married Cal W. Vaughn on June 15, 1957. She attended Wenatchee Valley College and the University of Washington where she earned her degree.

She taught 4th grade in East Wenatchee before moving to Chelan in 1970 and started one of the first preschools in Chelan. Many young children went through her preschool before she moved on to become a business owner. Together with her daughter she built a successful retail store, The Shirt Shop. She ran it for the next 3 decades.

Shirley had a lifelong love of horses and always owned at least one for most of her adult life. She was an excellent seamstress, loved to cook and loved skiing both downhill and cross country. She was a ski instructor at Mission Ridge and taught all her children how to ski. In her later years she loved to travel and was able to see many things from Europe and Asia to most parts of the US. In between the trips she loved her morning walks, working at the shop and watching the birds on her back porch.

Being a part of the community was very important to her. She was a member

of the United Methodist Church, PEO, Hospital Guild X, the Downtown Business Association and the Rustlers Saddle Club. She helped with 4-H, the Rodeo, numerous fundraisers for the downtown business association and the local hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one great-grandson. She leaves behind her husband, Cal Vaughn of Chelan, her daughter Deena (Keith) Jenkins of Chelan, son Scott Vaughn of Wenatchee, Son Brian (Antoinette) Vaughn of Spokane, 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 4 nieces and nephews.

Memorial will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 2:00pm at the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, 206 N Emerson Street.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Lake Chelan United Methodist Church  
206 N Emerson St  
Chelan, WA 98816

*The officiant will be Pastor Lilia Filicita - Malana.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Vaughn*



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**Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel** - February 28, 2024 at 06:25 PM

GC

“ *I had the wonderful opportunity to meet Shirley 28 years ago. I represented companies that had product that Shirley purchased for her retail store. We spent quite a bit of time together each year for product purchases... HOWEVER... after a few years we spent alot of time in our appointments talking about family and life. I grew to love her as a kind thoughtful person that I was fortunate enough to have connected with. I love you Deena... thank you so much for your friendship and thoughtfulness to remember me and remember how much I loved your mom.*

*Gloria*

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**Gloria Cornick** - February 25, 2024 at 08:20 PM

RS

“ I wish to offer my sincere condolences to Cal and the family.

*To me, Shirley was “Mrs. Vaughn” my 4th grade teacher in East Wenatchee, 1964/65. At that time in my life, I was one of those kids that made teachers work and test their patience. Fortunately for me, Mrs. Vaughn held the line and forced me to do better work, including making me stay after school for bad behavior or poor work. I did not like Mrs. Vaughn, and I was sure she did not like me either!*

*Later, I came to understand that Mrs. Vaughn did in fact care about and for me, and that is why she demanded I do better! I became a good student, over time, and I attribute my change in direction to Mrs. Vaughn, my 4th grade teacher, because she held the line, and expected me to do better.*

*I know there are a lot of teachers like Mrs. Vaughn, but she was my teacher, and I will forever be thankful for her showing confidence in me, by expecting me to do better.*

*To Cal and the family, please celebrate a life well lived!*

*Sincerely,*

*Ron Skagen, East Wenatchee*

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**Ron Skagen** - February 24, 2024 at 09:17 AM

DJ

*Thank you for sharing this beautiful tribute to my Mom.*

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**Deena Jenkins** - February 28, 2024 at 11:28 PM

KG

“ Kelly Gilpin lit a candle in memory of Shirley Vaughn



Kelly Gilpin - February 18, 2024 at 04:02 PM

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“ Danette Will (Brundage/Dawson) lit a candle in memory of Shirley Vaughn



Danette Will (Brundage/Dawson) - February 17, 2024 at 06:50 PM

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Every memory of you is a loving one. Rest in peace

Danette Will (Brundage/Dawson) - February 17, 2024 at 06:51 PM

KT

“ Kristen Thorstenson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Vaughn



Kristen Thorstenson - February 13, 2024 at 12:50 AM

CW

“ *Rest in Peace Shirley*



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**Cheryl A. Williams** - February 10, 2024 at 10:09 AM

VM

“ *Vita Kay Monteleone lit a candle in memory of Shirley Vaughn*



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**Vita Kay Monteleone** - February 10, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *Will be missed by many fly high*



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**Jan Taverner** - February 09, 2024 at 01:02 PM