



Faye Beswick

Faye lived life with happiness. As a child her family lived in the Packwood area. Mt. Rainer was her backyard, and where she met her husband, Ralph. Upon their marriage they moved to Vancouver, Washington, and she taught elementary school several years before beginning her family.

After moving to Olympia in 1958, she was introduced to Puget Sound and learned to sail with her husband. She also pursued her love of choral music and began directing the adolescent choir at the First United Methodist Church. This led her to pursue further schooling and a career teaching choir at Jefferson Jr. High in Olympia. Those were good years, and she always said it never felt like work.

She and Ralph then sold their home on Cooper Point, moved onto their sailboat, *Troubadour*, and never looked back. They traveled down the West Coast, through the Panama Canal, into the Bahamas, up the East Coast, and through the St Lawrence Seaway for several years, with periodic visits from friends and family. Upon their return to Olympia, they moved onto a 53-foot trawler, *Blackfish*, and spent many years traveling the waters between Olympia and Alaska.

When they moved back onto land, (no more dragging anchors) they remained close to the water in their condo on East Bay Drive. The family gathering place was now stationary. Faye enjoyed playing cards with friends at the senior center during those years.

Her last two years were spent at the Panorama City skilled nursing facility, where she received excellent care and frequent visits from family and friends. Her practical approach and zest for life continued throughout this period. She is survived by her sister, Shirley, and her four children, Becky, Shelly, Rafe and Ian.

There will be an open house to celebrate Faye's life on Sunday, May 15 from 1:00-4:00 at Becky's home, 6931 Kellogg Dr. NE, Olympia, WA 98516. Follow South Bay Rd to Johnson Pt. Rd., Left on 72nd, Continue Left onto Kellogg Dr. NE, Blue house on right.