



Henrietta W German

August 19, 1923 - August 19, 2019

Henrietta (Hennie) Denton German died at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake on her 96th birthday in the early morning of Monday, August 19, 2019. Her three daughters, a granddaughter, and a son-in-law surrounded her as she left for a new heavenly life.

Hennie was born in Canarsie, a neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York, on August 19, 1923, to William and Marie Denton. She was one of five children. When Hennie was 16 years old, her parents lost their family home as a result of the Great Depression; and the family moved to Woodhaven on Long Island, New York.

As a young woman, Hennie attended Girls Commercial High School in Brooklyn, where she graduated in 1940. Following graduation, she worked for Reader's Digest in New York City, starting pay: \$15 a week!

In 1943, Hennie met her future husband, Harold German, at a neighborhood party sponsored for U.S. servicemen who were awaiting transfer to the war in Europe. It was love at first sight for Harold and Hennie. The newly smitten couple corresponded for nearly three years, throughout the remainder of World War II. Upon his return stateside, Harold proposed to Hennie; and they were married February 2, 1946 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Woodhaven, New York. Following their marriage, they moved to Bremerton, Washington, where Harold began a job at the U.S. Naval Shipyard.

Hennie and Harold lived in Bremerton for the next 45 years, raising three daughters along the way, Beverly, Linda, and Lorna. An accomplished seamstress, Hennie sewed many of her children's clothes throughout their elementary school years. When they reached high school, her daughters' prom dresses and evening gowns were all carefully stitched and embellished. Other needlework included crochet, cross stitch, and crewel embroidery. She was especially proud of an extraordinary tablecloth, crocheted in a very fine and detailed pattern, which won her a blue ribbon at the annual Puyallup State Fair.

In addition to needlework, Hennie was an accomplished Scrabble player, who taught her

children and grandchildren many of the game's strategies. For many years, she was impossible to beat. Eventually, her granddaughter, Keely, was winning all of the games and used this experience to craft the essay she submitted with her college applications.

A favorite pastime for Hennie was occasional trips to Reno with Harold, where she consistently favored the once popular penny slot machines. She continued to love the slots into her early 90's and loved an early morning drive from Seattle to the Tulalip casino. Yes, she was driving a car into her 90's!

Hennie attended Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church while living in Bremerton. After moving to Seattle in 1991, she joined the parish of St. Bridget Catholic Church in Laurelhurst where she was an active volunteer for many years and a member of the church's Holy Family Guild. She was especially close to Father Harold Quigg, her favorite priest during her lifetime.

Hennie's beloved husband, Harold, preceded her in death on October 22, 1996. They had been married for 50 years. Following her husband's death, Hennie remained in their small condo in Laurelhurst, later moving to a larger home in Windermere. In 2018, she became a resident of Merrill Gardens, a retirement community near University Village. She made many wonderful friends during her residency there, most especially with Hal Ellner, Sally Swank, and Ken Thomas. Bingo games and trivia contests were enjoyed immensely. She lived at Merrill Gardens until May 2019, when declining health required more care; and she then moved into the home of her daughter, Linda. She was later admitted to Evergreen Hospice in Kirkland where she was cared for so well that her health rallied and she was discharged. At this point, her daughter, Bev, arranged for her to stay in Moses Lake where she remained until her death.

Hennie was predeceased by a cherished granddaughter, Katie-Marie Moore, of Moses Lake. She is survived by her three loving daughters, Beverly Moore and husband, Ray, of Moses Lake; Linda Wold and former son-in-law, Kevin Wold, of Seattle; and Lorna Walter and husband, Norland, of Seattle. She was the beloved grandmother of Melanie Cochrun (John) of Granite Falls; Dean Moore (Maura) of Moses Lake; Stephen Walter (Jacqueline) of Denver, Colorado; and Henry Wold and Keely Wold, both of Seattle. She had five great grandchildren, Anjelica, Penny, and Elisabeth Cochrun of Granite Falls; and Kennedy and Avery Moore of Moses Lake. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their descendants.

The family wishes to thank the cardiology team at Swedish Heart & Vascular – Cherry Hill, particularly Dr. Peter Demopolos; Evergreen Hospice in Kirkland, and Samaritan Hospital

in Moses Lake, for the loving care provided during the last years and days of our mom's life. She is an irreplaceable presence in our family, and memories of her will be cherished forever. A private family service is planned to celebrate and honor her life. Memorials are suggested to charities of choice.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Arrangements are under the care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories.

Comments



“ Dearest Bev, Linda, and Lorna - I will always cherish the wonderful years at Laurelton with your mom. Her blue ribbon flower garden, sharing a cup of Folger's decaf at the table (and having a good laugh), going to Burgermaster for lunch, St. Bridget's for Mass, and her beloved cocker, Riley. My heartfelt condolences to you and your families as you grieve her passing. She was a wonderful woman and friend. Sincerely, Elizabeth Evans and Mark Bonnelycke



Elizabeth Evans - August 28 at 06:47 PM



“ Hi Elizabeth and Mark...thank you so much for your wonderful thoughts for our Mom. I remember well your husband and you when I was visiting from Moses Lake. She always enjoyed your company so much. The years at Laurelton were special for my Dad and her especially meeting new neighbors and friends after their move from Bremerton. Love to you and your family, Bev.

Bev. Moore - September 04 at 03:35 PM



“ Dear Lorna, Linda and Beverly,

Your tribute to your Mother is beautiful. Reading through the tributes, Aunt Henrietta was well defined. The few times I did spend with your mom were very engaging. As described by one of her churchgoing friends, "She was a woman of many emotions and was not shy about how she felt." Indeed. There were times, years back, we communicated by mail, where she lifted my spirits when they were down and didn't hesitate to speak her mind. I loved her letters filled with interest, understanding and humor. In one of her letters, when I moved to "Massapeeka" (Massapequa), she wrote, "Why did you have to move to a town with so many letters!!!"

During my visit to Seattle, I enjoyed her presence and particularly remember when we all played Uno. What fun it was to enjoy her sense of humor. I love the photo of her and it brings to mind how beautiful she and all her sisters were. God Love her, how fortunate she was to have the wonderful life she did, outliving all her siblings (age wise) and having the love and devotion of her daughters, son-in-laws and grandchildren to surround her. She had a lot to live for.

She has left a wonderful legacy for you to hold dear to your hearts.

God Bless and Love to you all. Your cousin, Lorraine

Lorraine Maixner - August 25 at 03:11 PM



“ Dear Cousin Lorraine! I'll always remember our first visit to New York and meeting all of our cousins and our Mom's sisters and brother. I still have so many happy memories of those times all these many years later. Love you, Bev.

Bev. Moore - August 26 at 08:15 PM



“ Thanks for your beautiful message, Lorraine. Like Bev, those memories of our trip to Woodhaven and meeting our cousins is ingrained. I'll never forget your teaching us how to play knock hockey and running from the playground when some boys got mad at all of us! :) Love to you, Lorraine! Linda

Linda - August 27 at 11:37 AM



“ Dear Lorna and Linda, I was captivated by your Mother's story, you were so lucky to have had her with you for so long. Wishing the best to you and your family.

Lindee Wood - August 23 at 09:19 AM



“ Thank you so much, Lindee! She will be loved and missed forever! XO Linda

Linda - August 24 at 04:22 PM



“ Dear Lorna, Linda and all your family,

What a beautiful story of your mother's 96 years. She was a wonderful lady and raised wonderful daughters. I know you will be comforted by the many amazing memories of your dear mother and grandmother.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Becky Burns

Becky Burns - August 22 at 03:00 PM



“ Thank you, dear Becky. She lived a blessed life! Linda

Linda - August 24 at 04:23 PM



“ Barb Powell lit a candle in memory of Henrietta W German



Barb Powell - August 22 at 01:50 PM



“ Thank you, Barb! So very much appreciated. Love, Linda

Linda - August 24 at 04:23 PM



“ Dear Barb, you, Lennie, and Mark and your folks were such a huge part of our lives beginning in Westpark and for all the Sherman Heights/Tacoma years. I hold all of those memories close as if it were yesterday! Love, Bev.

Bev. Moore - August 26 at 08:18 PM



“ I am so happy that I was able to get to know Henrietta. I loved her sense of humor, her spunk and her faith in God. She was a woman of many emotions and was not shy about how she felt. I knew Henrietta to have a huge love of family and her pets, I loved seeing her at church and getting to visit with her. I knew her to have a smile on her face most of the time. I am sorry she had so many struggles with her health in the last few years and that she was not able to attend the church she loved. We diligently prayed as a parish for her every week.

My sincere condolences to her family. I know she will be deeply missed by many. I feel blessed to have known her and will pray for her peace.

Love to her family,
Micki-Jo and Michael Palmer

Micki-Jo - August 21 at 10:56 PM



“ Thank you, Micki-Jo! She loved all those years at St. Bridget and helping with the services (I remember her sharing with us that Father Connole would let the assistants sip some wine after morning Mass, if any was left after the service! :))

Linda - August 24 at 04:26 PM



“ Grammy aka Graham Cracker was a pistol until her last days! She loved drinking margaritas during family dinners and telling jokes. She had a great sense of humor. We love you Grammy. Thank you for being unapologetically you! Love, Emmy



Emily McGough - August 21 at 10:20 PM



“ One of those last happy outings at Mamma Melina's! Thanks for sharing, Emmy! XO Linda

Linda - August 24 at 04:28 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Linda Wold - August 21 at 09:59 PM



“ High school graduation photo of our mom, 1940 (age 17).

Linda - August 24 at 04:30 PM