



L. Barbara "Peggy" Harris

February 19, 1920 - May 28, 2016

L. Barbara (Peggy) Harris, 96, of Moses Lake, WA, passed away May 28, 2016, with family by her side. Peggy was born February 19, 1920, in Lumsden, Saskatchewan, Canada to Eldon and Bessie Jones. The family relocated to the Yakima Valley later that year. Peggy graduated from Toppenish High School in 1938. She started nurses training in 1940 at St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Yakima, graduating in 1943. She became a naturalized citizen and loved her country, voting during every election.

Peggy met Grant Harris of Wapato, WA while in nurses training. They married January 19, 1943. In 1952, they moved to Block 40 in Moses Lake. Eventually, they moved into town where they made their home for over 50 years. Many hours were spent with family and friends "under the carport." Peggy lived the last 10 years at Monroe House, surrounded by loved ones.

Peggy worked at both the old and new Samaritan Hospitals. In 1962, she went to work at Big Bend Community College, teaching health occupations. She eventually became the director of the nursing program, retiring in 1982. Her passion for nursing and love of teaching was evident to all. Up to the time of her death, past students would seek her out and share memories about when they were in her classes.

Besides her career and taking wonderful care of her family, she loved to play cards, camp, bowl, golf, and frequently out-fished Grant. She was a Camp Fire Girls leader, traveled many miles in their motorhome, crocheted and knitted beautifully, cooked fabulous Sunday and holiday dinners, was a knowledgeable sports fan, and, it is even said she shot the head off a pheasant once. More than anything, she was the person people turned to when advice, a shoulder, or a hug was needed. Her door was always open to neighbors, friends, family, students, her kids' friends, co-workers, and the occasional stray animal. She was also very proud and supportive of the work Grant did for the Tall Elks Therapy Program.

The family thanks Dr. Keven Smith, and the staffs of Monroe House, Samaritan Hospital,

and Columbia Crest for the outstanding care given and compassion shown to our mother.

Peggy is survived by her children Dick (Eloise) Harris, Villa Park, CA; Jim (Merrily) Harris, Spokane; Barbara (Doug) Schonewald, Moses Lake; and Nancy (Ron Neal) Harris, Spokane. She also leaves behind numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Grant, and siblings George Jones, Bud Jones, Dulcie Eagle, Pat Syverson, Ruth Jones, and Bill Jones.

Funeral services will be held at Kayser Chapel at 10 a.m., Friday, June 3rd with viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to the Big Bend Community College Foundation for the L. Barbara (Peggy) Harris Nursing Scholarship, 7662 Chanute Street NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. Sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Cemetery

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA,

Events

JUN 3 Visitation 08:30AM - 09:30AM
Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way, Moses Lake, WA, US

JUN 3 Service 10:00AM
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Comments



“ I have so many great memories of visiting with Peggy and Grant and spending time with Mackenzie when she would come to stay with them from Spokane. Peggy was such a delightful and calm person, always nurturing and kind. I am very sad to hear of her passing, she has touched and mentored so many with her wonderful ways.. what a wonderful life she did live! I now work at Samaritan Hospital and I think of her often. Peggy, I am sure you are catching up with Mom and everyone as you watch over us. Keep us all safe you beautiful angel.
Kelsey Glaesemann

Kelsey Glaesemann - July 13, 2016 at 03:02 AM



“ Sorry to hear of the loss of a wonderful woman. Always had a kind word and a smile. My Mom & Dad were good friends with Grant and Peggy. Our thoughts and prayers to her family.
John & Cheryl Guffey
Bud Ruff

Cheryl Guffey - June 06, 2016 at 12:17 AM



“ Ed & Paula Stout lit a candle in memory of L. Barbara "Peggy" Harris



Ed & Paula Stout - June 04, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ Peggy was a strong and spirited woman. Being her daughter-in-law sometimes had its challenges. God forbid I ever be so low as to say one unkind word of criticism of her son, my husband. She had a fierce loyalty to her family and friends that was quite extraordinary in my experience and certainly an example to follow. I came from a family of weak, quiet-spoken women. Peggy could not have been more unlike them!! So, of course, I did my best to emulate her. Haha!

While Rich and I could not be in Moses Lake today, it does our hearts good to know Dick and Adam are there representing our little family. RIP, Peg!

With fond memories, much love, and enormous respect,
Eloise



Eloise - June 03, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ many wonderful memories, camping, cards, dinners, just lots of fun & laughing, with both Grant & peggy, everyone she touched loved her RIP Peggy your friend Diane Wentworth.



diane wentworth - June 03, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ Forever loved forever missed, what a wonderful lady. All our love Neil Pat and family.



Neil Jones - June 03, 2016 at 04:08 AM



“ Myrna Tucker lit a candle in memory of L. Barbara "Peggy" Harris



Myrna Tucker - June 02, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ Aunt Peggy was the cornerstone of the "Jones" families. She was always there to help anyone who needed it and she was wise beyond measure. She watched over all of us and we all loved her so much. We have such wonderful memories of her. She had such confidence and she was a strong and courageous woman. We looked up to her so much and she will be greatly missed.

Love, Myrna & Mark

Myrna Tucker - June 02, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ Peggy was a rare gem, who zest for life was truly contagious. She made everyone with whom she came in contact with, feel special. Peggy loved her family, and so enjoyed sharing the news, about each and everyone of them. What was unique about Peggy was that she truly valued the simple things in life, never taking a single moment for granted. I worked at the Monroe House for 5 years, and had the pleasure of having Peggy there, as a resident. She was so much fun to be around, and everyone loved her!! Although she has been called home, she will never be forgotten: her spirit is with us, each and every day. Sincerely, Cathy & Paul Kersey

Cathy Kersey - June 02, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Your mother's goodness, caring and wisdom live on like a legacy of love that will always be with you. I am sure you have many wonderful memories to treasure. May your memories of your loved one bring a smile to your heart. Kerri Richins

Kerri Richins - June 02, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ Emma Lou Bishop lit a candle in memory of L. Barbara "Peggy" Harris



Emma Lou Bishop - June 02, 2016 at 04:15 PM



“ I was one of "her students" and she lit my Florence Nightingale Lamp and placed that cap on my had what a proud moment and memory. I loved her quiet confidence and she was so reassuring. Love to all of her family. The world is a better place because of her and her dedication to our profession.

Emma Lou Bishop - June 02, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ I have known Peggy for many years. Brother Bill used to say that she had always been his angel during his many illnesses. I was amazed at her memory. She knew every one of her many family members by name and age and could tell a story about each of them. Peggy was a lovey woman who will be missed by everyone whose life she touched.

Much love to all the family. Lu Jobin

Luella - June 10, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss, and please know we are praying for your family. We celebrate Peggy's amazing 96 years of service as a nurse, family friendship and memories of Grant and Peggy being snowbirds with our parents, Tom & Lorraine and Mervin and Georgia. They all knew how to laugh and taught us so much by example. Your loss is truly heaven's gain! Lotsa love, hugs & prayers, Mike & Joyce



Mike & Joyce Mulliken - June 02, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ I am very sorry to learn of Peggy's passing. She was my mom's nursing instructor at BBCC. Larry and I send our deepest condolences to her family.

Nancy Tracy - June 02, 2016 at 01:23 AM



“ Peggy has been a part of my life since I was in the third grade and my family moved to Lakeview Terrace and Dick and I became classmates. She was one of the loving moms who made our childhood happy and safe. It was a pleasure to renew our friendship when my husband and I moved back to this same neighborhood in 1994 and visited Peggy in her same home. Finally, I enjoyed several chats with her at Monroe House when my own mom lived there. I send condolences and love to all her family.

Susan Utsunomiya Blackwell

Susan Utsunomiya Blackwell - June 01, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ My condolences to all in the loss of a very good woman. Peggy was always so gracious, friendly and kind. God blessed her with a long life and great family. May God's Peace be with you all.
Sally Goodwin

Sally Goodwin - June 01, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ she was always a joy to know, she will be missed by many!



patty lynne davis - June 01, 2016 at 04:43 PM



“ CHARLOTTE HAUFF lit a candle in memory of L. Barbara "Peggy" Harris



CHARLOTTE HAUFF - June 01, 2016 at 02:36 PM



“ All our love to the Harris families. Peggy was and always will be one of the kindest people we had the honor of knowing.



Brumet Family - June 01, 2016 at 10:54 AM



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Doug Schonewald - June 01, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ Mom watching her grandkids catching trout at Park Lake. She loved a good day fishing.

Barb Schonewald - June 01, 2016 at 10:49 PM



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Kayser's Chapel - May 31, 2016 at 12:01 PM