



Aurora L. Updegrave

July 16, 1924 - December 4, 2013

Aurora Louise Updegrave passed away peacefully in her Moses Lake home on December 4th, 2013. She was surrounded by her four children and loving husband of 68 years. Aurora was born in Reno, Nevada on July 16, 1924 to Jerome and Louise Brook. She spent her school years in Sandy, Oregon where she met Arlie Updegrave, her lifetime sweetheart. They married on October 2, 1945 in her parent's home in Sandy amidst white gladiolas. Arlie was serving in the Air Force at the time as an aircraft navigator.

Arlie and Aurora moved to Moses Lake in 1952 and spent the early years of their marriage building the family business, Lad Irrigation. Very community minded, Aurora enjoyed her time as a Community Concert officer and a 4-H leader. She was a member of the PEO, the Skyline Acres Garden Club, and the Presbyterian Women's Association. She filled many roles in the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, including Deacon, however Aurora's favorite role was rocking babies in the nursery. She was drawn to the little ones.

Aurora was hard working and generous to all in heart and spirit, but family was her greatest priority. She never let her work as a bookkeeper get in the way of raising her family with apparent ease. She actually retired from Lad Irrigation to take care of her grandchildren and never regretted the decision. Besides cuddling children, shopping and eating out were her special treats. Aurora was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Roy Brook of Sandy, Oregon. She is survived by her husband, Arlie Updegrave, her son, Ron Updegrave with wife Kay of Moses Lake, daughter Susan McMillan with

husband Brad of Moses Lake, daughter Lisa Olin with husband Charles of Union, WA, and Jan Wilson with husband Roland of Allyn, WA, and her sister, Dort Johnson of Fresno, CA; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was loving and well-loved. Her ready smile will be missed. Services will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 2:00 pm. in the sanctuary of the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, 1142 W. Ivy with graveside ceremony at Guarding Angels Cemetery , 2595 Road L NE at 1:00 pm. Viewing will be held from noon to 7 p.m., Monday, December 9th and from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, December 10th at Kayser's Chapel. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, donations for the nursery at the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church will be gladly accepted.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Visitation

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Many of us remember the Updegrave's from the Presbyterian Church and the kind words they always had for us kids. Mrs. Updegrave was such a perfect lady in her actions and deeds, I know she will be missed. Mr. Updegrave and Ron we are very sorry for your loss and know that you have so many great memories to help you as you take this new journey!
We will keep you in our prayers!
Terry & Jeff Skeesick##imported-begin##Terry Skeesick##imported-end##

December 17, 2013 at 02:36 AM



“ Aurora was a lovely woman and a good friend of my late mother, Barbara Miller. Dad Kinney wants to share his regret he was unable to attend. Our condolences to Arlie & the family##imported-begin##elaine miller sivey##imported-end##

December 13, 2013 at 08:49 AM



“ Arlie & Family- Sorry I missed the funeral for Aurora; she was always a kind and 'smiley' person. Best wishes to you all;
bill##imported-begin##Bill Waites##imported-end##

December 12, 2013 at 09:22 AM



“ To all the Updegrave family,
We send our heartfelt and sincere condolences to you at this sad time. Aurora was well loved and will be remembered as a special person to so many. I have many memories of fun times with our 4-H groups and the many experiences we all had together with our wonderful leaders.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you,
Dan and Daune Jordan###imported-begin###Ms. Daune (Fisk) Jordan###imported-end##

December 10, 2013 at 01:40 AM



“ Arlie and all the family,
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. My hope is that the fond memories you have of Aurora will sustain you. I know that I have fond memories of her both as a 4-H Leader and her being at Lad Irrigation. She was a very gracious lady.
My sincere Condolences.
Alice Parker and family###imported-begin###Alice Parker###imported-end##

December 09, 2013 at 09:15 PM



“ Lisa, Charlie and family,
At this difficult time, please know that you are in my prayers. The wonderful memories you have of your Mom will forever hold a special place in your heart. Love, Fran###imported-begin###Fran Stevens###imported-end##

December 09, 2013 at 07:01 PM



“ To the Updegrave family, I am sorry for the loss of your mom. Fond memories of her over the years. What a great loss but she was always smiling and full of energy when I saw her. Even the past few years if I saw her in a wheelchair. Again, deepest sympathy goes to your family. Joan###imported-begin##Joan Reffett Dopps###imported-end##

December 08, 2013 at 01:47 AM



“ I have countless wonderful memories of growing up with Jan and spending time in so many activities throughout the formative years with the Updegraves. Aurora was a brilliant role model balancing work and family long before it was even dreamed as a possibility. My heart and prayers go out to your family as God calls his angel home.###imported-begin##Carol Mercer###imported-end##

December 06, 2013 at 12:51 PM



“ We were checking on a recent death of a different friend and were saddened to see Aurora's picture here. We'll never forget how gracious she was and how she and Arlie came to the hospital to support us -- years and years ago. She was surely one of the good people in the world. She will be missed.###imported-begin##George and Kathi Miles###imported-end##

December 05, 2013 at 06:34 PM