



## Beth Copenhaver

May 14, 1928 - October 23, 2008

### BETH E. COPENHAVER

Beth E. Copenhaver, age 80 was born on May 14, 1928 in Newport Washington to Maude Graham Geaudreau and Guy Leonard Geaudreau. She was the second of three children. She passed away at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake on October 23, 2008 due to complications from congestive heart failure. She grew up in Blanchard, Idaho where she attended grade school, and graduated from Newport High School in 1946. She attended the University of Idaho and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics Education in 1950. Prior to her graduation, she met and married the love of her life, Howard Vernon Copenhaver. They were married on August 1, 1948 in Newport, Washington and established their first home together in Moscow while completing their college educations. They had three children, Katie, Phillip, and Denise and lived there until moving with the Arden Farms company to Moses Lake in 1960. Her passion for life showed in the many organizations and activities in which she was involved. Beth spent many years actively working in Republican Party politics and served several years as the State Committee woman from Grant County on the Republican State Committee. She enjoyed her work and met many of the National Senators and Representatives, Governors and State Officials. One of the highlights of her life was meeting President George H.W. and Mrs. Barbara Bush during a visit to Washington D.C. Beth also enjoyed being a member and Past President of the Daughters of the Nile and also was a member of Beta Sigma Phi for many

years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Moses Lake. She delighted in being a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother to her family. Some of her favorite activities and interests were travelling, swimming, reading, listening and playing all types of music and time at the family lake cabin. We will miss her strength of character, patriotism, ability to tell great stories, wonderful hugs, sense of humor and her smile. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard "Copie" and one granddaughter, Claudia Kay Rigsby. She is survived by her three children, Katie Rigsby and husband Larry of Richland, Washington; Phillip Copenhaver and his wife Christine of Moses Lake; and Denise Pulliam and her husband Walter of Enumclaw, Washington. Her surviving grandchildren include Nicole Wagner and her husband 1st lieutenant, Kyle, Christopher Copenhaver, Stephanie Pulliam, and Paul Copenhaver. Other family members include a brother, Dale Geaudreau and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 11:00 am with a luncheon to follow at the First Presbyterian Church at 1142 W. Ivy Avenue. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the Newport cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Beth's memory may be given to either the First Presbyterian Church in Moses Lake or to the Shrine's Hospital for Children at PO Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472. Kayser's Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

## Service

NOV **1**. 1:00 PM.

Graveside

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Katie and Larry, Phil and Denise.. I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your sweet Mama. It is hard to think of Moses Lake and not at once have in mind the Copenhaver family as well. Thanks for being the good people your Mama taught each of you to be. Love,

David Miles Oman##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

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November 24, 2008 at 02:53 AM



“ I'm sorry about your loss - Beth was a friend and I always enjoyed her - at "Jobies", masonic functions, and political events. She was one of a kind and will be missed.

Don Burk##imported-begin##Don Burk##imported-end##

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October 30, 2008 at 12:02 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to her family. She will be greatly missed by them and all who knew her.##imported-begin##Lodema & Selden Jones##imported-end##

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October 29, 2008 at 03:52 PM



“ Katie and Larry, We are very sorry about your mom. I enjoyed seeing her on Sundays when I ushered at the 11:00 service. Our prayers are with you at this sad time.##imported-begin##Dale and Rita Bjork##imported-end##

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October 29, 2008 at 12:45 PM



“ Dear Denise and family,

*It is a difficult time we find ourselves in as we see our parents and grandparents pass on.*

*I want to echo the words that Tracy wrote about your mother's giving and caring life and the wonderful family she guided during her stay here on earth. My thoughts and prayers are with you my friends.*

*With Sympathy and Love,  
Sandi###imported-begin##Sandi Hall###imported-end##*

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October 28, 2008 at 08:36 PM



“ My heart is with all of you during this time. I fondly remember both your mom and dad as they were such strong support for all of us Job's Daughters. We were blessed having them in our lives. You are all in my prayers.###imported-begin##Patti Swear-Smith###imported-end##

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October 28, 2008 at 01:31 PM



“ Denise and Family,

*I hope our prayers help lift your heavy hearts. Peace be with you.*

*Hugs,  
Shawn###imported-begin##Shawn Christiansen###imported-end##*

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October 28, 2008 at 10:48 AM



“ *Katie:*

*We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

*From all your friends at the Lockheed Weight Watchers group##imported-begin##Sheryl Rogers##imported-end##*

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October 28, 2008 at 09:41 AM



“ *Phil and all of the Copenhaver family;*

*I was very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember your Mom as a very kind person and your Dad was partially responsible for me getting into and staying in banking for all these years. Please know that my thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Rick Kataoka##imported-end##*

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October 28, 2008 at 12:59 AM



“ *Dear Copenhaver family:*

*We were so sorry to hear of your loss.  
We have such special memories of your Mom AND your Dad, our good neighbors for so many years.  
Please know that our love and prayers are with you and your families.*

*Sincerely, Jim and Carol Adamson##imported-begin##Jim and Carol Adamson##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2008 at 10:13 PM