



Bette Mc Atee

August 15, 1942 - May 10, 2017

Bette Lou McAtee

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Bette, a beautiful wife, mother, Nana, and friend. God brought her home on Wednesday, May 10th after a year-long battle with cancer. She was 74 years young.

While Bette spent most of her childhood in Spokane, she was born in McMinnville, Or. on August 15, 1942. She was the second daughter of Orville and Marion Garst. Bette was a hard worker and had her first job at the age of 12. She became a legal secretary at 18 while attending Eastern Wa.

University. It was 2 years later that she met the love of her life, Bert. They were married a year and a half later on June 13th, 1964 and honeymooned in Canada. Bert and Bette built a beautiful life together here in Moses Lake. Shortly after buying their first home on Northshore Drive they welcomed their daughter, Shelley, in April of 1967. Their family grew in May of 1969 when their son Michael was born. A few years later the family moved into their home on Wenatchee Drive where the door was always open to friends and many wonderful memories were made.

Bette's family remembers the years she spent dedicated to her husband and children creating a wonderful home and environment for them to grow and flourish. And they did. Her children were both married in back yard weddings at their family home. Bette really enjoyed the sun and the outdoors. During the summer months she would work long into the evenings tending to her flowers. Family vacations to Palm Springs, Hawaii, and Mexico helped her get her

sunshine fix during the winter months. Bette was also an active member of the Miss Moses Lake Pageant Committee, and it was during those years that she was known for hosting poolside and holiday parties. Bette and Bert enjoyed golfing so much that they eventually downsized and built a home on the golf course in 2004. This allowed them to spend more time traveling the country in their motorhome. Bette was also a lover of Jazzercise. She loved the dance, the music, and the many close friends she made there. This was something she truly missed when she was too weak to go.

Everyone who met Bette remembers her radiant smile, boundless energy, and giving nature. She adored her 3 grandchildren and loved talking with them about school, their friendships, sports and hobbies. Always supportive and encouraging, always wise and kind, that's how she will be remembered.

Bette is survived by her husband: Bert; her sister: Beverly; her children: Shelley and Michael; her grandchildren: Emily, Trey and Elliot; her daughter-in-law: Monica; and her son-in-law: Kevin; as well as her niece and nephews. Bette's celebration of life will be held Friday, May 19th at 2:00pm at the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, 1142 W Ivy Ave., Moses Lake, Wa. with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Moses Lake Cancer Foundation. Sign online guestbook at www.kayserschapel.com

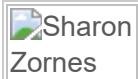
Previous Events

Service

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

 Sharon Zornes

“ *I am saddened to hear of Bette's passing. In my years in pageants she was such an inspiration and I looked up to her. Mike and Shelley, I send hugs to you all. A family member of Jeff's now owns your house on Wenatchee. Every time I enter in there I think of the many early mornings she and I would dance excercise to the song Celebration. I celebrate having known her! Hugs!*

Sharon Zornes - June 24, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *Gregory Cochran & Family lit a candle in memory of Bette Mc Atee*



Gregory Cochran & Family - May 21, 2017 at 09:35 PM

CF

“ For Bette's Family,

All of us here at Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation were so very sorry to hear that Bette has passed away....She was such a special lady, and fought her battle with so much courage and determination! She was truly an inspiration to us all! I hope it is some comfort to you that she can be at peace now, & doesn't have to struggle or suffer anymore.....I know you will all miss her very much, so we are keeping you in our thoughts & prayers!



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Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation - May 17, 2017 at 05:06 PM

ML

“ To Shelley and family,

So sorry to hear of your mother's cancer fight. I know she was quite a worker and I am sure she gave it a grand fight. We would visit from time to time as we met around town. It has been quite awhile since you were in my first grade class at Longview. Don't think we have seen each other since then. My heart goes out to you and I always remember what a sweetheart you were and I am sure you still are! Maralyn Tatum Lindholm

Maralyn Lindholm - May 16, 2017 at 10:06 PM

RJ

“ To the McAtee family: we wish you peace and beautiful memories during this difficult time- Bette touched so many lives and we were so blessed to know her- prayers to you all-the Terrys:Rocky, Janet, Emma& Griffin

Rocky& Janet - May 15, 2017 at 08:24 AM

MI

“ Happy Mother's Day mom. How amazing this day must be for you in heaven. You will be missed always, remembered often and absolutely never ever forgotten. The best of what you passed down to me, the best of what you helped me to become will forever live in my children. Thank you for loving me. ... Michael.

Michael - May 14, 2017 at 11:31 PM

MM

I am so sorry for your loss Michael. Prayers and love to you all.

Marcy Maslen - May 15, 2017 at 07:27 PM

MN

Mike,
Wonderfully said. I continue to pray for continued strength and peace for you and your family.

Monica Nichols - May 16, 2017 at 12:40 PM

JK

A beautiful greeting to your mom, Mike, in her new home. I know my mom is there to greet her and so many others who have gone on before her. What a wonderful reunion those are. We, who are left behind, are the ones who are the saddest but can smile when we understand what a glorious place she has entered and one day we shall all be together again. Rejoice!!!

Jaclyn Krueger - May 18, 2017 at 01:08 PM

MM

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Bette. She was a fantastic lady, full of life and always laughing and smiling. I have so many memories of pageant days and Spring Festival bed races. Faye, Ruby, Lorna, Vickie and Bette. May God bless your family and help you all through this. * Marcy

Marcy Maslen - May 12, 2017 at 08:00 PM

MP

“ To the family, it was such a pleasure to have known Bette for many years. I became acquainted with Bette when she was Mary Grahams Jazzercise class manager at FrontierJr High. Bette had such a friendly outgoing personality that always made me feel special. While I will miss seeing her I'm glad she is no longer suffering.
Peace to her wonderful family.

Mary Perry - May 10, 2017 at 06:34 PM