



## Florence I. Kalamakis

September 4, 1922 - August 4, 2015

Florence Kalamakis was born September 4, 1922 to the late William and Myra (Anderson) Rudolph at LaCrosse, Washington. She passed away on August 4, 2015 at the age of 92 and 10 months after experiencing a short period of lung cancer. She died just the way she wanted to, in her own home and surrounded by family.

She was raised and educated in LaCrosse, where she graduated from High School. Florence joined the WAVES, a branch of the United States Navy, in 1943 and served in both San Francisco and Hawaii during WWII. While stationed in Pearl Harbor, she met Peter Kalamakis, who was stationed there as a Marine. She was honorably discharged from the Navy in October of 1945.

Florence and Pete were married on March 8, 1946 in Seattle, Washington and made their first home in Spokane. They moved to Moses Lake in 1954 where Florence was a manager at Montgomery Ward, bookkeeper at Parker Buick, and administrative assistant at Moses Lake High School for 25 years. After retiring from the school district, she returned to the family body shop as the receptionist and bookkeeper, working up until June 2015. She and Pete lived in the same house for 61 years.

She was a Charter member and active in the Karneetsa Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for over 25 years. She was an avid reader, enjoyed gardening in her younger years, and was a loyal friend as evidenced by the abundance of cards she received yearly from long-

time friends. Florence and Pete enjoyed summer weekends at their camping spot at Mountain River Trails in Cle Elum. Their children and families would join them for campfires and fishing derbys. Other pastimes included bowling, pinochle, pheasant hunting and many wood cutting excursions.

Florence is survived by three children and their spouses, Steve and Cindy Kalamakis, Kathy Kalamakis, Bob Kalamakis and Jeanie Simmons; six grandchildren and their wonderful spouses; Travis and Katie, Hailey and Sandy, Rachel and Brandon, Hanna and Joel, Leah and Mathieu, and Steven; four great grandchildren; Payton, Tyson, Chanelle and Alayna; a sister Letah Schayes, a sister-in-law Dorothy Rudolph, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be held from 1 to 7 p.m., Friday, August 7, 2015, from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, August 8th and from 9 to 9:30 a.m., Monday, August 10th at Kayser's Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, August 10th at Kayser's Chapel with Pastor Floyd Wilks, officiating. Interment with military honors will be at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. A reception will be held following the graveside committal service. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to: Karneetsa Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1859 Road F.5 N.W., Moses Lake, WA 98837. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne  
Moses Lake, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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

## Service

AUG 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

## Visitation

AUG **10**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Kalamakis's passing. I had the great honor of working in her office as a student [Pam were we in the same class?] and therefore had a hard time calling her by her first name later as an adult. Funny how those habits are hard to change. Even as an adult coworker and in social gatherings I still found it uncomfortable. Please accept my sincere condolences. She was a wonderful, cheerful, honest, and hard working role model. I will always have the utmost respect for her. She taught me a great deal and I will forever hold her memory in high regard. May you find peace and joy in memories you shared. Her wit was quick and you could easily be swayed to laughter after a short time in her presence. May the sound of her laughter help you as you walk through your grief.



*Sherri Williams Osborne*

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**Sherri Osborne** - August 29, 2015 at 11:50 PM

CF

“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, she was a friend to my mother and we lost her this year. Condolences during this sad time.

*Carol Fredrickson*

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**C. Fredrickson** - August 12, 2015 at 10:47 AM

EP

“ I will miss Flo and her special way of saying just what she had on her mind. What a gem of a woman she was & Gem street will never be the same. Miss her beautiful smile too! Glad to get one last big hug this summer!

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**Erica Pearson** - August 10, 2015 at 09:59 PM

KD

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. We have such fond memories of both of your parents. Maxine and Keith Darley, Vancouver, Wa.

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**Keith Darley** - August 10, 2015 at 08:21 PM

CL

“ I'm sorry to hear of this loss; I am sending prayers for all of the family.

-Chelan Laurich

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**Chelan Laurich** - August 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

PT

“ I worked as a student aid in the office. She was very understanding and was great to talk to all of us. She will be missed

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**Pamela Washburn Tea** - August 10, 2015 at 01:10 PM

CT

“ I will miss having dinner with Flo at Kathy's every summer. I have great memories of all her stories and all the laughter she brought.  
Cindy T

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**Cindy Torimno** - August 10, 2015 at 10:31 AM

DM

“ Barry and I are going to miss Grandma K! She was such a spunky lady and so much fun to be around. Family gatherings, especially Christmas, won't be the same without her. We are so sorry for your loss and are sending our love and prayers!

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**Debi McBroom** - August 09, 2015 at 08:27 PM

RM

“ Mrs. Kalamikas was tough as nails but fair. Se had virtually every student who ever knew her respect her. She was a very caring woman and was always involved in our community. Moses Lake School system was definately blessed to have her on their payroll. Moses Lake was blessed to have her as a citizen. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Ray Moog - August 08, 2015 at 05:01 AM

JH

“ Florence and I spent at least an hour together every Tuesday morning for the past 12 years while I did her hair. I learned so much from Florence and will keep the treasured memories of our time together close to my heart. Heaven is a better place with her there. She will be so missed by so many.



Jeannie Huck - August 07, 2015 at 02:49 PM

JH

“ I will miss you and I know the SGO group will also miss you. Won't be the same. God bless you. Condolences to the family.

Joyce Hottell - August 07, 2015 at 12:34 PM

CK

“ Knew Florence and Pete for many years  
I sure will miss you dear friend, rest in peace now.  
Clara Kirkwood

Clara Kirkwood - August 07, 2015 at 10:32 AM

CS

“ I will always remember Florence, she ran the Moses Lake High School with an iron hand. I will miss your great smile. C. S. Clark

CSClark - August 06, 2015 at 05:45 PM

KB

“ I LOVED her! The Gill and Kalamakis families were a huge, regular part of the Hitchcock family doings. I've just gone through dozens of camping/hunting photos of these wonderful people to include this beautiful woman. One of my favorite memories: They had a cat that used the people toilet. :- ) Hug our parents Steve and Loretta for us, Florence, and have fun with the gang.. To your family, prayers and peace. Kelly Hitchcock



Kelly Hitchcock Bundy - August 06, 2015 at 04:13 PM

KC

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Kayer's Chapel - August 06, 2015 at 10:47 AM

EP

A beauty back then too....

Erica P - August 10, 2015 at 10:02 PM

EB

“ *Florence and Pete were good friends. We always had a good time together.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family*

*Evelyn Brown*

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**Evelyn Brown** - August 05, 2015 at 06:22 PM