



Maxine Erma McAlavy

April 22, 1933 - August 30, 2023

Maxine Erma McAlavy, 90, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away, August 30, 2023. She was born at home on April 22, 1933 in Jewell County, Kansas to Samuel and Mina Louder. She was the youngest of four children. She graduated with honors in 1950 from Jewell High School. She started her working career in banking at Citizen State Bank on the Monday after she graduated.

She married her high school sweetheart, Robert Darrel McAlavy on November 16, 1951.

Her husband joined the Air Force not long after they married and the two of them moved to San Antonio, Texas for his basic training. At one time they were stationed in Wichita, Kansas where they lived for several years. Lori Ann was born in December of 1955, their first of four children.

Everywhere they lived Maxine would always find work as a Bank Teller. She was gratified by the work, the routine and the customer service aspect of her job. She derived great pleasure from the customers and knowing them well enough to greet them by name each time they came to her teller window.

Roberts service in the military also brought them to Moses Lake where they ended up settling and raising their children. Robert Alan was born in February of 1958, Clark Lee was born September of 1960 and Janet Sue was born December of 1961 completing their family. She went to work at Seattle First National Bank and worked until her retirement.

She and Robert, together with their good friends use to go square dancing.

She would also reminisce about this time in their life. They met many lifelong friends from that time in their life.

She loved to watch and encouraged her children as they participated in 4-H with their horses. She would go see her grand children's school and fair activities and loved it when her grandchildren would come stay the summers with her. Up until she passed, she always asked about her great grandchildren's horses and loved being taken out to see them. She had a passion for family history and spent years researching and accumulating volumes of valuable information. She loved to garage sale and get out and take drives with her son Bob.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; one sister and daughter Lori Stokes.

Maxine is survived by her sons, Robert A and Clark (Lynn) McAlavy; daughter Janet Scott; Grandchildren, Gene and Tim (Betsy) Buchmann, Connie (Ken) Bellows, Jessica (Kyle) Chamberlain, Nick McAlavy, Magan (Aaron) Steninger and Morgan Scott; 13 great grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter. Our deepest thanks to Monroe House and Brookstone Hearthstone for caring for Maxine during her last few years as well as Assured Hospice for helping us through her last few days.

There will no memorial service or funeral for her and she will be interred with her husband at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Auburn, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ Had the honor of being Maxines caregiver for 5 years, she loved going to the senior center on Tuesdays in search of small treasures, you will be missed Maxine, much love to your family

Linda Miller - September 15, 2023 at 07:44 AM

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“ Maxine was a beautiful lady, I'll treasure our visits together. She always had a smile to share and great humor. She loved holding and loving on bitsy. Thank you Maxine for letting me be a part of your life. Till we meet again, keep smiling.

Trina Larsen - September 02, 2023 at 11:37 AM