

Barbara J. Hendershot (June 9, 1930 - November 6, 2014)

The family of Barbara J. Hendershot was saddened by her passing away on November 6, 2014, at age 84.

Barbara was born on June 9, 1930, the daughter of Sol and Mabel Guthrie, in Indianapolis, Indiana. She graduated from Southport High School in 1948 and married William F. Hendershot on May 28, 1949, at Edgewood United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Barbara was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother who spent her life taking care of her family.

As a young wife, she supported her husband through college and graduate school by typing students' papers and working on campus.

During 65 years of marriage, they lived in Indianapolis; Bloomington, Indiana; Madison, Wisconsin; Peoria and Libertyville, Illinois; and spent nearly 30 years in Elkhart, Indiana, as well as time in the San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego and the last 11 years in Sequim.

She was well-known throughout her life for her culinary expertise, her music and her faith.

She was always an active church member wherever she lived, playing piano and organ for worship and youth groups, teaching Sunday school for many years, chairing worship and liturgy committees, and working as a church secretary.

She particularly valued serving as a Stephen minister and caring for others in the community.

She taught her children the value of education, the importance of treating all people with dignity and respect, and the love of Christ.

She enjoyed traveling and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren, who have fond memories of her reading and telling stories, singing to them and cooking with them.

She is survived by her husband, William Hendershot of Sequim; son Michael Hendershot, living in Thailand; daughters Suzan Hendershot of Burbank, California, Sheryl (Dexter) Lehman of Buffalo, Minnesota, and Nancy (Thomas) Reis of Sequim; grandchildren Jedidiah (Leigh) Hendershot of Texas, Amanda (Josh) Nord and Ethan Hendershot of Elkhart, Angela (Andrew) Harvala and David Lehman of Minnesota, and Emily Reis and James Reis of Sequim.

She is also survived by her sister, Dottie (Coe) Kramer of Goshen, Indiana, and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014, at 1 p.m. at Sequim Community Church, 950 North Fifth Avenue, Sequim, WA 98382.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's name to the Sequim Community Church Faith Foundation.

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