



## Livona Jean Mahaney

October 8, 1938 - October 20, 2015

Livona Jean Mahaney, 77, of Moses Lake, passed away October 20, 2015, surrounded by her loving family. Livona was born October 8, 1938, in Brainerd, MN, to Arnold and Helen Ellestad.

Livona grew up in Minnesota on the family farm, later moving to Prineville, OR and finally settling in Moses Lake, WA. While in Prineville, Livona met the love of her life, Charles 'Charlie' E. Mahaney. Livona and Charlie married on January 19, 1957, in Moses Lake, WA at Immanuel Lutheran Church. During their 58 years of marriage, Charlie and Livona focused on family, having four children, and creating a loving home where all were welcome.

One of Livona's greatest accomplishments in life, besides being a loving wife and caring mother, was her adventures as a Navy wife for 20+ years. As a Navy wife, she and Charlie traveled around the United States and Europe. Her next adventure was being an Educational Assistant for the Moses Lake School District, working at Larson Heights Elementary. At Larson, she was able to continue nurturing children, offering a kind word and smile to every child. She retired in 2004 to care for two grandchildren who were soon to be born.

Livona loved life and always put the needs of others above her own. Her hobbies included cooking, sewing, reading, and antiquing. She loved the outdoors; tending to her roses and listening to the birds. Livona was a lifetime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Her faith was ever-present and showed in her every word and deed. Livona left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Her unconditional love and kindness will be greatly missed.

Livona spent her last years battling a rare neurological disease, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Livona's loving husband, children and their spouses, cared for her at home with the support of Assured Hospice of Moses Lake. Livona's last year and a half was spent at Touch of Love, an Adult Family Home in Moses Lake, where the owners and staff

provided loving and compassionate care. Livona never complained, even after losing her mobility and ability to speak. Up to the end, Livona was grateful for her time spent with loved ones and friends.

Livona is survived by her husband, Charles Mahaney; four children, Chuck (Sue) Mahaney, David (Nancy) Mahaney, Kathy (David) Rowland, and Mary (Gary) Otey, all of Moses Lake, WA; six grandchildren, Ryan (Natasha), Nick, Aubrey, Jenna, Samuel and Grace; and one great-grandchild, Gunner. She is also survived by her brother Gordon (Margie) Ellestad, sister-in-law, Evie Ellestad, and a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her brother, Vernon Ellestad.

A memorial service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Moses Lake, WA, on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Touch of Love, Adult Family Home, c/o Megan Rolly, Moses Lake, or Cure PSP, [www.curepsp.org](http://www.curepsp.org).

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**NOV**   **Service**                      04:00PM

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

1020 S A St, Moses Lake, WA, US, 98837

# Comments

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“ I met the "Mahaney" family in 1980 becoming great friends with Chuck and Dave and the entire family. Livona made me one of the boys immediately. She was like a second mom during my days in Moses Lake. She was never without a smile and I don't think she ever had a bad word for anyone. I will miss Livaona but so happy I could be a part of her extended family for over 35 years.

Jack



Jack Barker - November 01, 2015 at 12:31 PM

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“ Dear Charlie and Family, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Livona. I worked with Livona for many years at Larson Heights Elementary. She was the Educational Assistant in my classroom and we so enjoyed each others company. We laughed, cried and shared many stories together. I loved working with Livona because she was so kind, patient, wise, thoughtful and full of love for everyone. Her heart was full of compassion and love for each and every student she taught at Larson Heights. She was always surrounded by students because she truly listened to them and they knew they could trust her. Livona was also highly respected among her colleagues. She was always the voice of reason and calmness. Her deep faith and trust in the Lord made her beautiful from the inside out. She always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her beautiful brown eyes. I have only good thoughts and happy memories of Livona. The years Livona worked in my classroom were the best years of my teaching career. It was never the same after Livona retired. Thank you for sharing Livona with us. She will remain in my memories and heart forever.

I am so sorry for your loss and I pray that the Lord will continue to comfort you and bring you peace during this difficult time.

Blessings to all of you, Karen Johnson

(I will be out of town on the day of the service and I deeply regret that I won't be able to attend.)

Karen Johnson - October 31, 2015 at 07:08 PM