



Beverly Jean Benedict

August 27, 1926 - July 12, 2018

Beverly Jean Benedict, 91, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at her home in Soap Lake on Thursday, July 12, 2018. She was born in Spokane to Harry and Ethyl Ulrich on August 27, 1926. She graduated from North Central High School in Spokane and then went on to higher education at Washington State University. While attending WSU Bev joined the Delta Zeta sorority and deciding to major in Animal Husbandry now Animal Science. She had fond memories of her time there, especially living at Hilltop Stables that were constructed under the direction of Dr. Ensminger the Head of the Animal Husbandry Division. Of course, the most important memory she had of her college days was meeting her husband Reed. Reed who had graduated earlier there with an Animal Husbandry degree was working as the Herdsman at the WSU Beef Barn. Wouldn't you know it, their paths officially crossed at a college dance. With similar interests and a love for animals and dreams of ranching and farming they married on March 30, 1949. After marrying they worked at several pure-bred Shorthorn and Hereford ranches in the Pullman area as well as California and Oregon. They finally settled just south of Soap Lake in 1957 where they started farming and ranching with their two young boys.

Beverly was active in the community by attending the Soap Lake Community Church now the Evangelical Free Church. She professed her faith in Jesus Christ and was born again while watching a Billy Graham Crusade on the television. Bev was also a member of the Grant County Cattlemens

Association with Reed, and she started and was the leader of a 4-H club for 23 years. Bev also drove bus for the Soap Lake School District, served on the Soap Lake School Board and was president of the PTA for a time. She was a member of the Lakeview Ladies Golf Association and a current member of the Soap Lake Senior Center where she served as treasurer until her strength and endurance began to waiver.

After Bev's active years of farming and ranching with Reed and her son Dean, she took up painting and especially enjoyed her time with Reed at Lake Pend Oreille in Northern Idaho during the summer months. She called that place a little piece of Heaven. Bev also enjoyed her time with Reed during the winter months in Arizona near Mesa. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Beverly Jean was a special creation from God and her life and memory will continue to impact and influence all that had the privilege to know her.

Beverly is survived by her husband Reed of 69 years and her son Dean (Joyce) Benedict; Grandchildren: Sarah (Derek) Olson, Jessica Benedict, Peter (Sara) Benedict, Matthew Benedict and Suzanna Benedict; Great-grandchildren: Hannah, Nathanael, Bethany, Andrew and Elisha Olson – Nieces: Kaye (Bryan) Ross, Jeri (Steve) Thomas and Doni (Denny) Sanders; Nephews: Tom (Gwen) Benedict and Jeff Benedict. Beverly was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Ethyl Ulrich, sister Bula and Brother-in-law Tommy St. Germain and son Richard Benedict.

Celebration of life Service will be held Friday, July 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Evangelical Free Church located at 110 East Main Ave. Soap Lake, Wa. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wa.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.
Soap Lake, WA 98851
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Previous Events

Service

JUL 27. 2:00 PM (PT)
Community Evangelical Free Church
110 Main Ave E
Soap Lake, WA 98851

Tribute Wall

JB

“ She was "Auntie Bev" to me forever. Very few people in the world had the sheer enthusiasm for living that Auntie Bev had. In the last few years, I have not been visiting as often as I should have and, now that she is gone, that is something I shall have to bear. And, yes, Bev was quite a good golfer. Her father, Harry Ulrich of Spokane, taught Bev the game when she was a teenager. Life did get in the way of her golf game but she did play as often as she could and eventually had a membership at Lakeview C.C. Bev had no problem whatsoever being Reed's partner in the farm and she would be up in the cab of that truck, jamming the gears to get the crop to the elevator. Bev was good friends with my Mother, Marjorie Benedict, and they went on a trip to England together and kept in frequent contact as life went on. People such as Beverly Jean Ulrich Benedict come along in life infrequently and I will miss her very much now that she is gone. Here's hoping that her zest for life continues on with her family and those whom she knew.

Godspeed, Auntie Bev!

Jeffrey Benedict, Port Ludlow, WA

Jeffrey Benedict - July 25, 2018 at 03:55 PM

SE

“ I was visiting mom when she read this in the Journal. Our whole family remembers Mrs. B as a wonderful lady that could light up a room with a hug and a smile. Our sympathies to Mr. B and the rest of the family. Evelyn Wayenberg - Stan and Sandy Van Eps

Sandra Van Eps - July 25, 2018 at 03:48 PM

DM

“ Beverly and I had a very sweet friendship. She was a dear lady in the Lord. I know she is singing with the angels and worshipping her Lord.
She will be missed by many. Donna McKim

Donna McKim - July 21, 2018 at 04:27 PM

DS

“ Rejoicing in Heaven! To imagine Bev's contagious smile and laugh, along with those who have gone before, and we are left with the wonderful memories of that generation. Bev & Reed at the table smiling and laughing, in the back of the church greeting everyone with a smile, my amazement when Bev took up golf and was actually quite good at it! What a gift we were given to have Bev in our lives. Heaven is a bit brighter now.

DEBRA STILL - July 18, 2018 at 01:48 PM

KM

“ I started my Monday with an email death notice from Bea at Nicoles. Then Mrs. B's name popped up. Tears began, then guilt, and then I remembered she's with Jesus and my parents and all her loved ones. Rejoicing. Prayers for Mr Reed, Deano and all the family

Kerry Moser - July 16, 2018 at 09:33 PM



Marilyn
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I was sad to see Bev is gone, but I Know where she is. She was one of the sweetest people I've known. She was my bus driver in high school. Rest in peace, Bev.

Marilyn Graffe - July 17, 2018 at 11:39 AM