



## Lorene Marie Arbuckle

February 3, 1931 - June 8, 2025

Lorene (Pfeifer) Arbuckle, aged 94, passed away at Swedish Hospital in Edmonds, WA on June 8th, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Lorene was born in Marlin, Washington, and grew up on her family's wheat and cattle farm with 11 siblings. She shared many memories of farm life.

She graduated from Marlin High School in 1949 and then attended Kinman Business College in Spokane.

After college, she married Robert Arbuckle in 1953. They settled in Ephrata, where she worked as a secretary at Darigold until their son Rob was born. Two years later, they welcomed a daughter, Robin.

She worked at the Ephrata School District as a secretary at Columbia Ridge Elementary for over 25 years. During her tenure, she formed numerous friendships. A big part of her job involved interacting with the children, about whom she often had amusing anecdotes and jokingly mentioned writing a book about them.

Lorene and Bob were engaged in their children's activities during their time in school. They were members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, where they formed long-term friendships. Lorene also participated in social groups over

the years, including the Buzzin' Dozen and the Red Hat Society of Ephrata.

Upon retirement, they traveled, maintained their home, and enjoyed spoiling their two granddaughters.

Following Bob's passing in 2021, Lorene remained in their residence, regularly attended church, and maintained an active lifestyle. We extend our sincere gratitude to her friends and family for assisting her. Lorene also greatly appreciated the visits from her granddaughters.

Lorene relocated to Quail Park, an assisted living facility in Lynnwood, Washington, to be nearer to her family. She appreciated the staff at Quail Park, particularly her caregiver, Winsome. Lorene was referred to as "Mama" by some of the staff. She formed friendships and participated in many activities.

She was known for her kindness and willingness to assist others. She had a notable sense of humor and often made remarks about various situations or stories. Her granddaughters gave her the nickname "sassy pants".

She was predeceased by her husband, Bob; her parents, Phillip and Annette Pfeifer; and her eleven siblings. She is survived by her son, Rob (Chris); her daughter, Robin; and her granddaughters, Taylor Shine (John) and Morgan Johnson (DJ).

The family expresses their gratitude to the Quail Park Community for their care, and to Our Savior's Lutheran Church for their love and support.

A memorial service will be held in Ephrata and details will be announced later.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Saviors Lutheran Church  
471 Nat Washington Way  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ So sorry for your loss Rob and Family and Robin. We have such wonderful memories of this amazing lady. Always made us laugh . She was always smiling, making you wonder what she was up to now. 😭. The trips to Reno. Oh what fun. 😭🥰. She was so Loved. 💕💕

Regina Metcalf - August 09, 2025 at 03:46 PM

AS

“ Mrs Arbuckle always had a smile at church and enjoyed seeing everyone. My condolences to her family.

Aaron Sieverkropp - August 06, 2025 at 09:14 AM

TR

“ As a young single mother, I lived next door to Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle many years ago on 7th ave in Ephrata. They were very nice and always looked out for me and my young boys. Sending good thoughts to their family and friends. RIP

Tina Roeder - August 05, 2025 at 04:16 PM

AP

“ I have many very fond memories of Aunt Lorene. Most memorable were the times during wheat harvest on the home ranch. She and uncle Bob, Rob and Robin would spend the time helping her brother's, Dale and Bud, and their families during the harvest. Lunch and dinner time were always entertaining! A fun break from the dusty, hot day in the fields. Lorene and her brothers would usually keep all on their toes, you could ask to pass the rolls or something, and it could be "flying" across the table to you.

My love and sympathy to Rob and Robin and their family. Aunt Lorene will be missed by all, A fun, loving LADY!

Alan Pfeifer

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Alan Pfeifer - July 20, 2025 at 08:03 PM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lorene's passing. I have such fond memories of her from my childhood. She handed me my milk ticket each morning, always saying "Christine you better hurry up now or you will be late to class!" She never understood how I could be late every morning when I only lived a block from the school. On the following Sunday at church, she would laughingly tell my parents how I was a talker and loved to visit, resulting in my tardiness on a regular occasion. I looked so forward to seeing "Mrs. Arbuckle" every morning. I was sad when I had to move onto junior high. At least when I got there I had "Auntie Joy" Wyman to greet me. Our church family seemed to be in every school I attended! 😊

I have no doubt Lorene was greeted into heaven with open arms by all those who have gone before her including my mother Lois, my father Ron and most recently my Uncle, Elton. Rest assured, her soul is at peace.

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Chris (Renken) Crossley - June 26, 2025 at 02:52 PM

DB

“ My sincere condolences on the passing of your mom and grandmother. She was a very special lady! I never would have survived my first year as principal at Columbia Ridge without her knowledge, support and sense of calm. She was loved by all- staff, students and parents. She enjoyed the children so much. She truly left a legacy to all whose lives she touched. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Debbie Beaudry

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**Debbie Beaudry** - June 23, 2025 at 02:47 PM

LL

“ Will certainly miss your mom and Grandma. She was the heart and soul of Columbia Ridge for so many years and made that office click. Even after her retirement we always enjoyed seeing your mom and dad when we went to church at Our Saviors Lutheran. Her family was so special to her and was often in our conversations at school or church or home. Preta and I will miss her big smile and happy voice but will never forget her. Love her and her family and pray Gods comfort for you at this difficult time.

Lovingly  
Larry and Preta Laughlin

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**Larry Laughlin** - June 20, 2025 at 04:03 PM

RB

“ I have fond memories of her when I was at Columbia Ridge.

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**Rita Matlock Bjork** - June 17, 2025 at 11:52 PM



“ Lorene was a very special lady who was so loved for her warm, caring heart. She always had a smile and a pleasant greeting for everyone! I know our family feels blessed to have known her!

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**Julie Herr Saunders** - June 16, 2025 at 10:30 PM

AL

“ My condolences to Rob and Robin and family. My heart hurts. She was the best and most fun person I ever worked with. We laughed a lot. Bob used to bake and bring cookies up to us at work after he retired. Wow! This is a lot for me to take in.

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**Ahnes Lutz** - June 16, 2025 at 06:20 PM