



# Kathleen Marilyn Thurston

MAY 29, 1942 - MAY 1, 2015



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# **Kathleen Marilyn Thurston**

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**K**athleen Marilyn Thurston was born May 29, 1942 in Everett, WA. Died May 1, 2015 in Chehalis, WA at age 72.

She was preceded in death by her parents Andrew and Maxine Sutich, her beloved husband of 42 years Buck, and her daughter Valerie.

Kathleen is survived by her son Thomas Thurston (wife Sharon), stepson Fred Thurston (wife Sally); one sister, two brothers and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.

She was a longtime Tacoma area resident before moving to Yelm, WA where she worked for Wilcox Farms and Hytec hot tubs. She and Buck were volunteer EMT's for Bald Hills Fire Department. They moved to Pe Ell, WA in the late 1980's to their "Lone Oak" farm. She worked as a park ranger at Rainbow Falls State Park and volunteered in recent years for the local food bank and Senior Center.

Known by most as "Kathy" but to those closest as "KASS", she loved cooking, baking, gardening; camping and hunting; scary movies, crossword puzzles and computer games, and country music.

A graveside service will be held at Mountain View Memorial Park in Lakewood, Washington on Friday, May 8th at 2:30pm.




# Events


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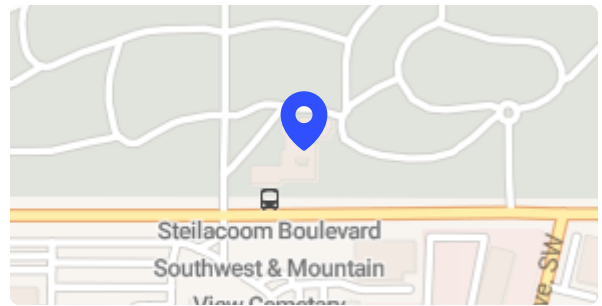
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## Visitation


 **Friday**, May 8, 2015

 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM PT


 **Mountain View Funeral Home and Crematory**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA  
98499

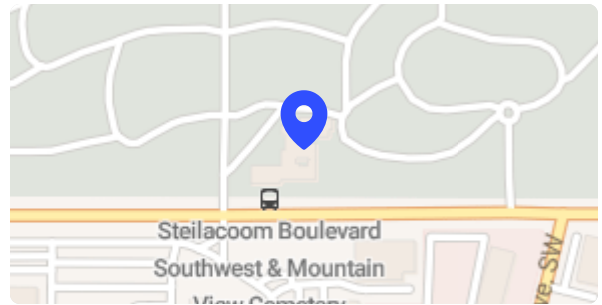


## Burial

 **Friday**, May 8, 2015

 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM PT

 **Mountain View Memorial Park**  
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## Tribute Wall

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EN

**Elayne Novotny** lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

Kathy became my coffee stop partner a few years back. The two of us volunteered to work the coffee stop for the Kiwanis and Pe Ell Methodist Church. We always had such great fun playing scrabble and making coffee for tired travelers. I always looked forward to our time of volunteering and laughing and sharing good memories. I will miss her a lot. Also there is a quilt top she wanted finished so if family would contact me I can return it to them. Maxine knows how to contact me. Elayne Novotny



May 16 at 8:32 AM

ES

**Erin Safford** posted:

Aunt Kathy; if not for you and Uncle Buck, Mike and I would not be here. Since you were the ones who brought Mom & Dad together 41 years ago. You have taught me so much about cooking, baking, computers, botany, and raising cattle- but mostly you taught me how to speak my mind whether someone wanted to hear it or not. And to stand up for what you believe in, no matter what; my stubborn streak also comes from you not my Mom, contrary to popular belief. All the years in Yelm baling hay, feeding the cows like "Julie", working in the garden and the roses--your beloved rose garden. Getting the keys to ride the mower down on the lower pasture out to the trees and stream, and playing golf. Thanksgiving when Uncle Buck gave us all a sleigh ride in the snow, and the summer Grandpa Sutich rode Yvonne's horse. And the 25th wedding anniversary party at the VFW hall--with just about everybody, dancing till dawn! And then in PeEll, we helped move the stuff down to the Lone Oak farm; there we met "T-Bone" the bull and "Doc" the mule. And all the holidays and regular days we all spent together. I never would've been able to come home from the hospital in 1998 if you hadn't built the ramp in front of or house. I loved you then and will love you always.....don't worry, your snickerdoodle recipe will live on!!My love always, your niece,Erin SaffordPuyallup,WA

May 11 at 10:40 AM

MS

**Mike Safford** posted:

Aunt Kathy - thank you for being who you were, a genuine person who would give the shirt off your back to help another...I never would have learned to play golf without your back 40 in Yelm, loved to explore your land in Pe Ell, and introducing me to scary movies!!! I'll never forget walking around the State Park with you in your Ranger outfit - I was so proud!!!Love Mike, Liza, and Parker Safford

May 9 at 5:43 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Fields of Europe for Spring to the Thurston family.



May 4 at 11:57 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kathleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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