



Arlene D. Milhans

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Arlene Deering Milhans, went to be in the loving arms of her Savior on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 in Tacoma, Washington. She was born in Zachow, Wisconsin on April 27, 1927. She grew up on a farm and was the 5th of 10 children in the family. As a child she loved to act and sing and often performed with her sisters for friends and relatives. During her youth, tragedy struck the family on several occasions. She lost her brother, John when a vehicle struck the family car while they were driving to a picnic. Soon after, she lost her sister Iris. Her mother died in 1941 when she was just a teenager. Having accepted Christ as her Savior during her youth, she found comfort and strength to endure these tragedies. After her mother's death she helped raise her younger siblings and worked as a personal assistant to prominent individuals in Milwaukee, WI.

In 1945, Arlene met Charles Milhans when he was visiting his family in WI. It was love at first sight and they married on January 14, 1946 in Seattle, WA. They spent their first years together working at the Ross Dam construction project in the Northern Cascades National Park. They purchased a home in Fircrest, WA and began raising a family there. They also started up a small business in the roofing trade, Milhans Roofing. Later they moved to University Place as their family expanded to 5 children. They were married for over 50 years when her husband passed away in 1996.

Due to Arlene's love for her country, she continued to be involved in politics. She was often seen working on a campaign, sign waiving or working in the Republican headquarters. Her grandchildren were her greatest treasure and she enjoyed spending as much time as she could with them. Her favorites were going to the spa once a month for a facial and manicure and enjoying a vanilla latte. She was a member of Life Center Assembly of God church.

A failed hip replacement in 2005 caused a permanent disability and she lived her



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final years at Manor Care Assisted Living Facility. Through it all she never allowed any situation to rule her life. Her strong faith in God got her through each trial and she looked for the best in life no matter what her circumstance appeared to be.

Arlene is survived by her 4 children; Charles "Alan", John, Jane, Judy and their families; Her sister Beverly Balaban and brother Leonard Deering; many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and relatives. She is preceded in death by her husband Charles Milhans and son Jack, parents John Deering and Alice Rockwell Deering, her siblings Ralph, Dorothy, John, Luella, Iris, Paul and Bill.

The family would like to thank the staff at Manor Care for her care during her final days.

Services for Arlene will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2016 in the Garden Chapel with Interment and a reception to follow at Mountain View Funeral Home & Memorial Park.

Please share your memories of Arlene and condolences to the family by visiting the tribute wall.

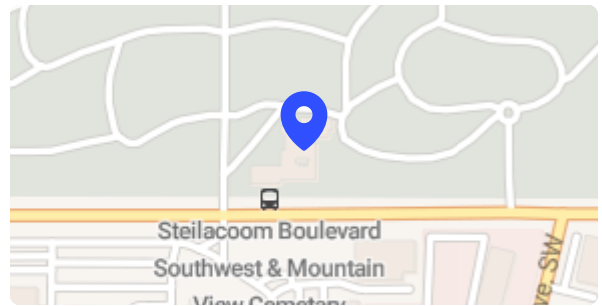


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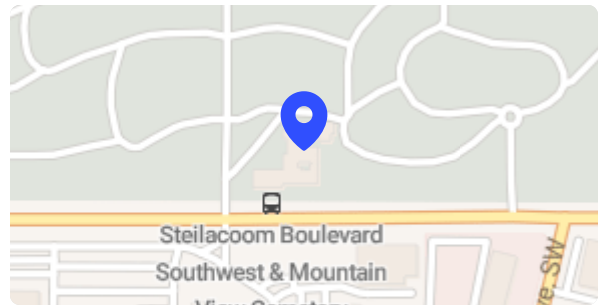
Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday**, July 23, 2016
- 🕒 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM PT
- 📍 **Mountain View Funeral Home and Crematory**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA 98499



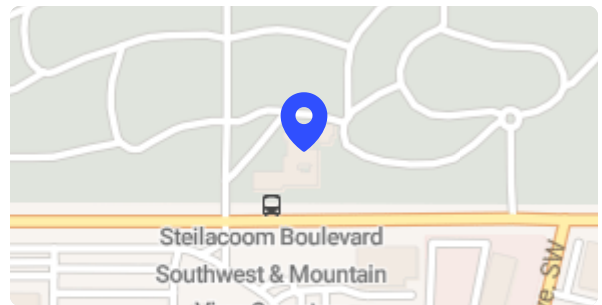
Funeral Service

- 📅 **Sunday**, July 24, 2016
- 🕒 1:00 PM PT
- 📍 **Garden Chapel**
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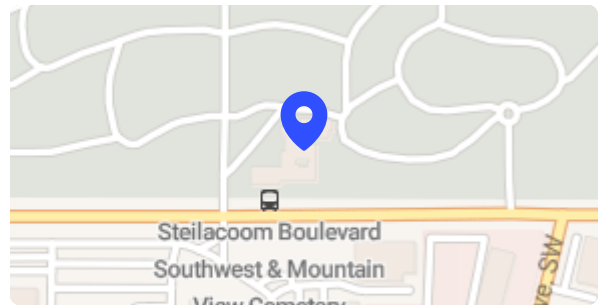
Reception

- 📅 **Sunday**, July 24, 2016
- 🕒 3:00 PM PT
- 📍 **Oak Room**
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Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Mountain View Memorial Park**
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- 📞 **(253) 948-9895**





Tribute Wall

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PK

Phyllis(Deering)Kroeger posted:

So sorry to hear of Arlenes passing. It has been many years that I have seen her. Her father and mother were my Aunt and Uncle. Uncle John was my dads brother. As a young girl I spent many times playing with my cousins. I remember Arlene as being very pretty. She always liked to look her best. Her sister Beverly and I were about the same age. I'm so glad, I saw this on my mail. Phyllis (Deering) KROEGER

July 25 at 3:34 PM

JE

Jennie posted:

I remember meeting Arlene at a Republican event. She told me, "I am Arlene. I am Jane's mother." Since then, we all grew older; that was 20 years ago! Arlene was a friend to my mother when they were together at Manor Park. She was a loyal Republican all of her life and kept herself well informed about world affairs; she voted accordingly. Rest in peace, Arlene. God bless your family.

July 24 at 2:39 AM

SM

Sally Manukia lit a candle in honor of Arlene .



July 16 at 3:08 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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