



# Sylvia Helen Doran

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Sylvia Helen Doran Walker died Friday, July 16, of complications following treatment for lung cancer. Mrs. Walker was living at Woodland Heights Assisted Living Center when she passed away. Sylvia was born in Tacoma, Washington to Roscoe P. and Marie Schmechel Doran on August 14, 1910. She moved to South Bend, Washington, in 1913 and to Hoquiam in 1917, the family following her father's work as a Northern Pacific locomotive fireman and engineer. The family returned to Tacoma in 1923, and she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1928. She met Alfred Hayes Walker in Tacoma in the early '30s, and they were married on January 4, 1936, in Tacoma. They moved to Seattle where her husband worked as a ship's crewman on Puget Sound. Her first child, William, was born in October, 1937. They moved to Port Townsend, Washington, early in 1942 where her husband was a deck officer on a US Army ship which served the coastal defense batteries situated at the entrance to Puget Sound. She had their second son, Richard, in 1943. The family returned to Seattle in 1947, after which her husband was a deck officer on various ships on the Sound, retiring as Captain of M.V. Coho. He passed away in 1992. Sylvia moved from West Seattle to Carman Oaks in Lake Oswego in 1999. Sylvia was an avid golfer, pianist, singer, bridge player, gardener and traveler. She began playing golf at Chevy Chase Golf Club near Pt. Townsend in 1943, and continued walking 18 holes at West Seattle Municipal until age 80. She was known for her accuracy around the greens, and used this to win several club championships; she also served as club president. She was a skilled pianist, and passed her love of music performance on to her children and grandchildren. Sylvia was a serious bridge player, and still had time to keep gardens at her various homes - a Victory vegetable garden during WWII, flowers afterward. She and her husband traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Africa, England and Western Europe, as well as to Hawaii every winter they were able. Sylvia is survived by sons and daughters-in-law William and Margaret Walker of Lake



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Oswego and Richard and Donna Walker and grandson David of Downers Grove, Illinois. Other living relatives are grandson Christopher and his wife Maia Low Walker and great-grandchildren Suscha and Ilah of West Seattle; granddaughter Jennifer and partner Paula Walker-Liddell of Tualatin, Oregon. There will be a graveside service at Mountain View Memorial Park in Tacoma on Tuesday, July 27, at 12:30 p.m. There will also be a memorial service in the Lake Oswego area, although the date for that is not yet set. Contributions to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lake Oswego, OR, or to a charity of your choice would be welcomed.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Sylvia was a dear friend of our mother's. They played golf and bridge together from the 1950s (maybe earlier) until our mother moved to California in the mid '70s. Mom always talked to and saw Sylvia on her annual visits back to Seattle and always said what fun she had with Sylvia. Our sympathy to her family. Sylvia was a most gracious and lovely woman. Nancy Nye Peterson Merry Nye Joe Nye West Seattle###imported-begin###Merry Nye###imported-end##

July 28 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I adored Sylvia and was sad to hear about her passing. I have such fond memories of her. Sylvia was always the life of the party at family reunions. I remember my brother Danny and I laughing with her. She called Dan "pogo", and to this day I can't remember why it was so funny? My dad used to get Sylvia rolling w/laughter! I loved witnessing that. She just brought so much joy to people around her. We don't get together anymore (reunions), it's just nice to look back and remember the ones we used to have. My thoughts are with you today while celebrating Aunt Sylvia's life. Regards, Drena Trowbridge - Kaaiwela (Terry's daughter & Grandma Bessie's granddaughter)###imported-begin###Drena Trowbridge Kaaiwela###imported-end##

July 26 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Aunt Sylvia was a wonderful person. She was always fun to be around. She had a great sense of humor and she was always sweet and kind. She will be missed.###imported-begin###Ron and Olga Walker###imported-end##

July 22 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sylvia and I became friends when she was at Carman Oaks Retirement Center. I led a Bible study for the residents there and Sylvia often played the piano for our special events. After she moved from Carman Oaks to Woodland Heights, I continued to visit her. She was delightful, interesting, talented, and charming. We shall all miss Sylvia's positive look at the world around her and her sweet spirit. Stella Shotts###imported-begin###Stella Shotts###imported-end##

July 22 at 6:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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