

## Gertrude "Trudy" Prellwitz

January 11, 1930 - December 21, 2018

Gertrude "Trudy" Alda Prellwitz, age 88, went peacefully to be with the Lord on December 21, 2018 in Tacoma, Washington at her daughter Jane Simmons Home. She died from Acute Leukemia. Services at Mountain View Funeral Home on 4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW on Friday January 4th. Service in the Garden Chapel at 1:00-1:30 followed by internment at 1:40. Service will be lead by Pastor Randy Bach of Gateway Church, Tacoma.

Trudy was born January 11, 1930, in Litchfield, Illinois. She was the daughter of George Christoph and Mathilda (Schuette) Folkerts. Trudy grew up in the Lutheran church and her faith was a center point of her life.

She was married to Lester Edgar Prellwitz on August 27, 1949 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois. Lester was a student at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Springfield, but quit with the birth of their first child. They lived in Springfield and raised 1 boy and 3 girls until 1964, when they moved to Wheeling, Illinois, in the suburbs of Chicago. Les worked as an Underwriter in the Insurance Industry while Trudy stayed home to raise their children.

In 1969 they moved to Jackson, Mississippi to advance Les's career. In 1974, Les answered the call of the Lord to be a minister and attended Faith Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Tacoma, Washington. He graduated in 1978 was ordained in the Assemblies of God. He received a call to Midland, Texas where they lived until 1981 when they moved to Denver, Colorado to be near their oldest daughter and family.

In 1989, they returned to Tacoma, Washington to be close to their three daughters. They welcomed the return to the northwest despite missing their son who remained in Illinois. Trudy's husband Les, died in 1994.

Trudy had a beautiful singing voice and performed in many choirs over the years. She was also a talented an artist and loved to paint and was an active member of the University Place Senior Center painting group. She loved taking car rides around the area and exploring many scenic places. She was an avid baseball fan since childhood and loved the Mariners, regularly attending games. She also loved football and rooted loudly for the Seahawks. She was a member of Gateway Church in Tacoma.

Surviving are her son Gary(Cheryl) Prellwitz of DeKalb, Illinois; daughters Rebecca(Johnny) Brown of Gig Harbor; Peggy(Destry) Henderson of Tacoma; and

Jane(Roger) Simmons of Lakewood. Also surviving are 5 grandchildren: Murphy Kainz, Tacoma , Matthew(Krissi) Prellwitz, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin; Ryan Prellwitz, DeKalb, Illinois; Kelsey Brown(fiancé Jeremy Bundro), Tacoma; and Austin(Wendy) Lambert, Tacoma. Also 3 great grandchildren; Gino and James Lambert, Tacoma, and Annabelle Arnst, Tacoma.

Memorials may be sent to Gateway Church, 7310 12th Ave. E, Tacoma, WA 98404.

Trudy's love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was #1 in her life and even in some of her last words, wanted everyone to know that "Jesus is the answer for the world today."

# Events

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**JAN**   **Chapel Service**   01:00PM

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Mountain View Garden Chapel  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Ta, WA, US

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jane Simmons - February 10 at 01:06 AM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jane Simmons - February 10 at 12:54 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of our families' get togethers...mainly when your family lived in Illinois (where I also grew up). Trudy was my mother's cousin...and they, along with Trudy's sister & brother, and my mother's sister...were also very good friends! I know many stories that my mother told me, about what this group did whenever they got together!

My ONLY regret is that we didn't all stay as close as those cousins were. Which I guess happens as the physical distance gets greater. My Aunt is now the ONLY one remaining, from that small group of 5 cousins. I also wish I could have made it to Washington state a year and a half ago...when my youngest son & his wife were living and working as Travel Nurses in the Seattle area for about 3 months. I so wanted to visit with Trudy & her girls, along with their families.

But on the other hand...Les & Trudy, Harold & Ruth (Trudy's sister), George (Trudy's brother), and Helen & Harold (my parents)...along with many of their loved ones are TOGETHER AGAIN in Heaven...rejoicing with our Lord and Savior!!!

Norma (Lehnert) Sumpter Appleby - January 04 at 01:17 AM



“ I just now saw this.. .thanks for that note. Love you even though the is distance between us, there's no distance with love...

Jane Simmons - February 10 at 12:41 AM



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“ Norma & Simon Appleby lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Trudy" Prellwitz



**Norma & Simon Appleby** - January 04 at 12:52 AM

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“ Love, Gateway Church family Pastors Randy& Linda purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Gertrude "Trudy" Prellwitz.

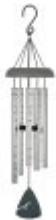


**Love, Gateway Church family Pastors Randy& Linda** - January 03 at 08:57 PM

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“ Darlene Lyness, and girls and their families purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Gertrude "Trudy" Prellwitz.



**Darlene Lyness, and girls and their families** - January 02 at 10:45 PM

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“ Love's Embrace Roses – Red was purchased for the family of Gertrude "Trudy" Prellwitz.



January 02 at 01:41 PM



“ Mom's most important thing in life was her Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. And wanted everyone to know that, Jesus is the answer.  
We'r miss her greatly. But she's in her heavenly home now. We have peace in that.

**Jane Simmons** - January 01 at 12:52 PM

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“ Jane Simmons lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Trudy" Prellwitz



**Jane Simmons** - January 01 at 12:40 PM