



## Kathleen Kay Ryan

January 15, 1939 - October 17, 2019

Kathleen Kay Ryan was born on January 15, 1939, to Marley and Jessie Ryan. She grew up in LaCrosse, WA, with her older sister, Patricia Ryan Barry. She graduated in 1957, from LaCrosse High School and later, from Eastern Washington State College with a degree in Elementary Education.

Kay's teaching career spanned 50 years, beginning in Odessa, WA. She also taught in Auburn, WA, prior to settling in Wenatchee, WA, in 1965. She taught at Columbia Elementary and Pioneer Middle School, where she especially loved outdoor education.

Kay had a heart for service and was an active member of First United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and contributed in countless other ways. Her service extended to Kappa Gamma Delta Teaching and Beta Sigma Phi Sororities. In addition, she faithfully served with Kiwanis, selling Sees Candy and many other projects. Kay took on positions of leadership in each of these organizations.

In her youth, Kay was a Girl Scout. She believed it prepared her to leave her tiny home town. Later, she participated in league bowling and loved to travel. Highlight trips included Alaska, Ireland, and mission trips to New Orleans, LA.

Kay died on October 17, 2019, in her home in Wenatchee. She is survived by

three nieces, extended family, and a large, loving community of friends who will miss her energy and passion.

A Celebration of her Life will be held in the spring at the First United Methodist Church. The family suggests memorial gifts to First United Methodist Church and Apple Valley Kiwanis. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee, WA.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Rest in peace Ms Ryan, she was my math teacher in 6th grade at Pioneer Middle School in the 90s.

Rocio Hernandez - November 01, 2019 at 11:41 AM

MJ

“ I have known Kay since she first came to Wenatchee. She was a good teacher, an active member in many groups and worked hard in the community. Rest in Peace Kay.

Margie Martini Jones - October 22, 2019 at 12:52 AM

KP

“ I knew Kay through our sorority Beta Sigma Phi. Kay was a willing participant in any activities we had going on and could always be counted on to help in any way she could. I will always remember her helping make tissue paper flowers, hosting meetings and a dinner, playing Bunco and serving as an officer for our sorority. She will be missed.

Kathy Parsons-Burge - October 21, 2019 at 11:26 PM

MW

“ I could always count on Kay Ryan to have my back. She was a Kiwanian. 2011 District Convention could not have ran so well without her ideas and follow through. I didn't get to spent much time with her but I watched her for 20 +/- Kiwanis years together. Comfort blessings to her sister and PNW Kiwanis Family .

Margie Wilson - October 20, 2019 at 03:47 PM