



## Margaret Ellen Patton

November 13, 1927 - November 17, 2014

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“ Our mother, Margaret Ellen Patton, was laid to rest with her husband and our father, Ronald George Patton, at the Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park on Aurora Avenue Seattle Washington. Upon entering the front gate you turn RIGHT and drive a very short distance (.1-.2 mi) to find the rocky hill just past two tan mausolium buildings and look for the Home Depot sign seen across the street and you are there. The path ahead curves around and up to the back side of the rocky hill where our parents grave site is located, just past the resting place of Ronald's father, John Patton.

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**Sharone Lee (Patton)** - November 03, 2015 at 01:39 PM

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“Margaret Ellen (Jones) Patton was born in Bozeman, Montana on November 13, 1927 to Ralph and Montana (Walker) Jones who were the offspring of two of the earliest settlor families in Montana. She also had three loving older siblings, two big brothers Les and Ralph and a big sister Louise. (Another older sister Anita was lost to a tragic accident prior to Margaret's birth). She remembered having a wonderful early childhood with her family on their ranch there in Big Sky Country until The Great Depression hit and pushed the family into ever greater poverty. Likely due to a combination of grief over the loss of her child, her pioneer spirit of wonderlust, and the economic pressures of the Depression her mother often left Margaret and her father and traveled the PNW looking for sources of additional family income keep the ranch from foreclosure. However, the bank mortgage came due and the large family ranch was lost. By age 14, both her parents moved to Seattle, Washington for work opportunities and Margaret stayed behind to live in an Aunt's boarding house and support herself with waitress work in a local diner after school. Eventually Margaret moved to Seattle to rejoin her mother and father where they had found post-Depression work. She continued to help out with waitress work after school while she completed her secondary education at Broadway High School. There she met Ronald George Patton, as he was also working to complete his GED after a stint in the Army Air Corp at Fort Lewis Washington in WWII. He soon became a frequent doting customer at her place of work and Ronald would often tearily credit Margaret for helping him pass that test and for her unwavering support of all his career success. (See Ronald's Life Story) Ronald and Margaret dated and married on May 30, 1947. They moved into a sweet little honeymooners apartment in Salem, Oregon along with their first "Sky" dog, a Weimaraner. There, Ronald began work in retail sales at Sears and Roebuck Co. and Margaret choose to be a housewife with hopes of becoming a mother. Though his salary was meager at first, with the help from his father and the GI bill, Ronald was able to buy a small home on the nice little rural side street Sandringham Drive just off of Lancaster and the Silverton Hwy. They worked together to remodel and decorate their home and

longed to start a family there, but sadly experienced a series of miscarriages. Their first born son, Timothy John Patton, arrived prematurely on January 19, 1952 weighing in under five pounds. Margaret often recalled the the joyous day of being able to bring her baby son home and bathing him in a small ceramic salad bowl. Their second born daughter, Sharon Louise Patton (aka Sharone Lee), arrived prematurely on March 15, 1955, weighing in at over five pounds, who Margaret remembered as a very happy baby and talkative toddler. With their family complete Margaret set about making a loving home and lovely house and garden for her family. She sewed clothes for the family and grew a vegetable garden and canned fruits that she picked in local fields with her two children in tow each summer to help provide for her family and save money for annual camping vacations. The whole family often enjoyed their love of hunting and fishing all round Oregon and eventually across the PNW region, which added to the wonderful bounty of their table, despite Margaret having only a tiny grocery budget. Ronald's career finally began to progress in 1963, when he was transferred to be the merchandise manager of the Sears store in Wenatchee, Washington, where they enjoyed local fishing and hunting in high desert territory. Margaret learned the ropes of being a model executive wife while pursuing her interests in flower arranging and pastel and watercolor arts while following Ronald as he was promoted and transferred over his career with Sears. In 1966, they moved to Lacey, Washington near the state capitol of Olympia where Margaret volunteered for the local museum and in her children's schools. With both her children off in college at the University of Washington she moved with Ronald to Spokane, Washington in 1973, where she reported a gradual easing of her empty nest pains and a full time pursuit of her interest in painting and drawing. Within a view years, Ronald and Margaret returned to the Seattle area of their youth for the final leg of Ronald's stint with Sears. She and Ronald found a lovely new empty nester home at the Fairwood Golf Course in Renton, Washington, where they lived along with their second "Sky" dog (circa 1982). With Ronald still traveling for Sears at this point in his career, Margaret tried her hand at Real Estate and attended a local community college to realize her

*creative talent in the arts, which she dearly loved. In 1986, Ronald and Margaret returned to Wenatchee, Washington to build their dream home at the base of Castle Rock and live near their son, Dr. Timothy Patton, and his wife Renee (Butler) and their four sons, Sean, Conor, Rory, and Ross. In their retirement years in Wenatchee they enjoyed hunting and fishing in the spring and fall there in Wenatchee, along with a series of beloved Weimaraner "Sky" dogs as their traveling companions. Up through their Mid-Eighties Ronald and Margaret traveled the San Juan's every summer on their boat and lived the sun bird life in their fifth wheeler every winter in the Palm Spring desert area. On the way south in the fall and north in the spring they visited their daughter Sharone and her husband Joseph (Laronge) and their son Jacob, Ronald's sister Eileen and her husband Jerry Clark, and their long time friends, all now in Salem, Oregon. Sadly, Margaret experienced the onset of dementia and serious illness in her Eighties. In the spring of 2014, Ronald lost his sister and her husband and was overcome by rapid onset dementia and failing health soon after. So he could no longer care for Margaret alone in their home. He was admitted to hospital for acute mental health care and Margaret was admitted to a nursing home for hospice care in the summer of 2014 there in Wenatchee. Ronald passed on October 19, 2014 and Margaret passed soon after on November 17, 2014. Ronald and Margaret were laid to rest together in Seattle, Washington, where they first met, nearby the final resting place of Ronald's father in a lovely site at Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park on Aurora Avenue. Go with the warm memory of the good things of your life Mom in light, love, and peace and freedom from all of life's pain and sorrows. (Story by Sharone Lee and Tim and Renee Patton)*

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**Sharone Lee (Patton)** - October 09, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ *In Loving Memory of Our Mother and Grandmother.* ”



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**The Patton Family** - October 04, 2015 at 10:55 PM