



Mary C. Hennem

August 25th, 1914 ~ March 26th, 2008.

Mary was a vivacious, dynamic person who brought spark to every room she entered. She was an accomplished flautist, winning Montana-wide competitions in high school, playing dance music at Yellowstone Park, studying modernist music with Roger Sessions at the University of California at Berkeley, leading the band in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp during World War II, and performing as first flute with the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra.

She taught elementary and junior high school for 30 years, first in Libby, Montana, and later in Edmonds, where she was known for her dedication to students with reading disabilities and for her authoritative hockey-stick staff. She had a keen appreciation for hockey. ("Go Totems!") Mary had deep ties to Edmonds, residing there for 50 years, raising her children, and contributing to the community through hospital and theatre fundraising drives, the Music and Art Club, and other activities. An avid traveler, she made excursions to China (eight times starting in the 1970s), Tibet, Thailand, India, Peru (including Machu Pichu), Costa Rica, Russia, most of Europe (including the Danube countries), and Antarctica. Most of all, Mary loved family, friends, and a good party. She is survived by sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, a brother and sister-in-law, nieces and a nephew, and many dear friends. She enlivened us all with her presence.

A party in celebration of Mary and her life will be held on Fri., June 20, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Edmonds Conference Center, Chrysanthemum Room, 201 4th Ave N., Edmonds, WA 98020. In lieu of flowers, she preferred contribution to any of: Driftwood Players; P.O. Box 385; Edmonds, WA 98020 Cascade Symphony Orchestra; 16214 Meadow Road; Lynnwood, WA 98087 Edmonds School District; 20420 68th Avenue W.; Lynnwood, WA 98036

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