

## Obituary

**Died:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Marlene Inez Watkins passed away peacefully in her home with family by her side on March 3, 2020.

Marlene was born on February 9, 1938 to Robert and Catherine Munz in Montesano, Washington. She and her parents and sister Julie lived in Elma, Washington until moving to Tacoma, Washington where Marlene graduated from Stadium High School in 1955. She attended College of Puget Sound in Tacoma.

She was working for the telephone company in Tacoma when she met the love of her life, Richard Watkins. Richard and Marlene eloped to San Francisco, California and were married on January 21, 1957. While living in San Francisco they welcomed three beautiful girls; Catherine, Susan, and Sharon.

Marlene and Richard moved with their girls to Burns, Oregon in 1964. Richard had a job at the local radio station KRNS and Marlene began working at Safeway. She began working at the US Bank in 1965 and was employed there for 11 years. While working at the bank she met her lifelong friend Bonnie Smith whom she loved dearly. Marlene and Richard purchased the Palace Cafe in Burns, Oregon in 1976.

Marlene loved her family, home, and gardening. She loved her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and their friends. She was always up for a game of any kind including cards, board games or Nintendo. Many hours were spent laughing and playing. Marlene was an avid reader, loved music, loved to knit, crochet, and do needlepoint.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Catherine Munz; baby brother Bobby; and grandson Trevor Petersen.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years Richard Watkins; sister Julie Cunningham (husband Jerry) of Puyallup, Washington; children, Catherine Petersen of Richland, Washington, Susan Hughes (husband Edgar) of Summerville, Oregon, Sharon Wagner of Burns, Oregon; grandchildren, Amanda Bungler, Jim Wagner, Jennifer Shepherd, Chelsea Cassens, Emma Powning, Caleb Hughes, and Cameron Petersen; 14 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

At Marlene's request there will be no public service. Contributions in her memory may be made to Harney County Hospice in Burns, Oregon. Condolences may be sent to LaFollette's Chapel, PO Box 488, Burns, OR 97720

## Service Summary

- Service details not available -