



Gwendolyn Grace Swope

July 1, 1928 - January 30, 2017

Grace Swope, 88, of Portland, OR died peacefully in her home at Raleigh Hills Enhanced Care Unit on January 30, 2017.

Born in Butler, PA on July 1, 1928 she was the daughter of Robert and Catherine Colley. She graduated from Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing in 1951. She married Neil C. Swope in 1952. They celebrated 58 years of marriage prior to his death in May of 2010.

She was an RN working at a time when women didn't work outside the home. She was a private duty nurse for years and retired as a nurse for the Veteran's Administration in Little Rock, AR.

Blind from macular degeneration, she was known for her fearlessness and willingness to try anything despite her vision loss. She remained independent until recent months. In her daily life she made it her mission to be positive and help others feel better about their lives and health. She was a gifted pianist who from her teenage years to the present days enjoyed singing in the choir. Grace was active in the Episcopal Church.

Grace is survived by her daughters Karen (Charley) Jay of Round Rock, TX and Cheryl (Jack) Maloney of Hillsboro, OR, sister Helen Colley of West Chester, OH, granddaughter Aly (Balthasar) Indermhle of Sydney, AU, grandsons Marshall (Andrea) Jay and Bryan (Pamela) Jay of Texas and two great-grandchildren, Jordyn and Addison Jay.

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Grace was the perfect name for her - she always personified that quality. She was so accepting of all, and I often wondered at her patience with our group of giggling teenage girls. Even in our last visit several years ago, she was so gracious and we talked as if we had just seen each other the week before rather than 30 years ago. She was a blessing to all who knew her, and I'm thankful I had that privilege. My deepest condolences to all her family. May your memories sustain as you start on the path of healing and until you meet again across the veil.

Cindy Lennox - February 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM