

Mary Kristine Johnson Jerome

December 6, 1943

May 1, 2018 (74)

Oak Harbor, WA



After a battle with blood cancer, with her immediate family in attendance at the family home, **Mary Kristine Johnson Jerome**, age 74, resident of Oak Harbor for the past 42 years, passed away peacefully.

Mary Jerome was born in Milwaukee, WI on December 6, 1943 to Garnet I. (Roos) and Gunnard J. Johnson. She was reared in Rockford, IL and graduated from West High School in 1961. Mary attended Rockford Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, graduating as an RN in 1964. She met her future husband, Douglas J. Jerome, on a blind date in

January 1965 when they saw the movie, "Mary Poppins," that became a favorite. At that time Doug was a young sailor in the United States Navy, always teased that she did not realize what she was getting into. They were married on July 16, 1966, in Rockford's St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Mary was predeceased by her parents; brother, Robert Johnson; and sister, Barbara Horowitz. She is survived by spouse, Douglas; children, Pamela L. Jerome, and Kyle D. (Breeonna Delaire) Jerome, grandchildren, Ella, Grayson, Kate, and Susan K. (Mark) Barnum and their son, Max. She will be missed by her family and will watch over her grandchildren.

Mary worked as a nurse at several hospitals in Camden, NJ and Salt Lake City, UT. After raising their children, she resumed her medical career as a receptionist for Dr. Jane Mayes' Pediatric Associates in Oak Harbor until retiring in 2012. The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors of Island Hospital and the Merle Cancer Care Center for their loving care, and especially the wonderful Whidbey Health Hospice. Memorials may be made to the Island Hospital Merle Cancer Care Center in Anacortes, and Whidbey Health Hospice Care in Coupeville.

Reference:

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