

*Elizabeth Joan McClure*

Elizabeth Joan Grey was born in Marion, IN, on October 17, 1931. Her maternal grandfather, Frank Allen Priest, MD, delivered Joan at his home. Betsy, as the family called her, was the only child of John Chester Grey Jr and Florence Belle (Billie) Grey. She grew up in Chatham, New Jersey, with summers and weekends spent on the Jersey Shore, at her paternal grandfather's home, just steps from the Atlantic Ocean. (She never did learn to swim).



Joan attended grade school and three years of high school in Chatham, then her family moved to Anderson, IN, where she completed her senior year, graduating in 1949. She entered Indiana University in the fall of 1949 and pledged Phi Mu.

She met Charles McClure, a senior who would become the love of her life. After a short engagement they were married December 27, 1950 during Joan's winter break after Chuck was notified in November that he was going to be called to active duty by the Air Force. After being sent to San Antonio, Denver and Great Falls (all in 6 months time), they spent 1 ½ years in Japan. When the war ended they moved to Seattle so that Joan could care for her mother who was ill. It was where they started their family and they remained in the NW through the rest of her life.

Joan is survived by Chuck, her husband of 69 and a half years; her four children, Doug (Claudia), Nancy (Barb), Diane (Greg) and Beverly (Bill). Joan and Chuck added three additional children to our family, Anne (Charlie); Ivan and Maggie. Together, Joan and Chuck have 20 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Joan was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. For Joan, nobody was a stranger and she welcomed many into their home, sometimes for extended periods of time. Joan loved helping others. Joan had a very special connection with everyone who knew her.

Joan was a dedicated volunteer her entire life, for many organizations. She taught Sunday school when the kids were young and was very active in all the churches in which she was a member, the latest being Lacey Presbyterian. Joan was a girl Scout leader, Co-coordinator for Lakewood food bank, Orthopedic Guild co-chairman for Tacoma Festival of Trees, as well as a member of PEO and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Joan is missed by all who knew her.

*A Celebration of Life and Love*



*Elizabeth Joan McClure*  
*October 17, 1931—June 10, 2020*

July 10, 2021  
11:00 a.m.

Lacey Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Karen Renner



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*A Celebration of the Life  
of  
Elizabeth Joan McClure*

*Born October 17, 1931*

*Entered the Church Triumphant on June 10, 2020*

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
to laugh to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's  
touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue  
grief.  
Lift up your head and share with me.  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

<i>Prelude</i>	ELLEN GEORGE
<i>"Ave Maria"</i>	LESLIE POHL
<i>Call to Worship &amp; Opening Prayer</i>	REV. KAREN RENNER
<i>"In The Garden"</i>	CONGREGATION
<i>Welcome &amp; Greeting</i>	REV. KAREN RENNER
<i>Old Testament Reading</i>	
<i>Psalm 23</i>	
<i>"On Eagles Wings"</i>	JENNIFER HINSON
<i>Celebration of Joan's Life</i>	SUSAN COVEY, DOUG MCCLURE
<i>"The Prayer"</i>	ANDREW POHL, LESLIE POHL, ELLEN GEORGE
<i>New Testament Readings</i>	REV. KAREN RENNER
<i>1 Corinthians 13</i>	
<i>Philippians 4:4-5, 8-9</i>	
<i>Message of Comfort &amp; Hope</i>	
<i>Prayer of Thanksgiving</i>	
<i>"The Lord's Prayer"</i>	ANDREW POHL
<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	CONGREGATION
<i>Blessing</i>	REV. KAREN RENNER
<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	ANDREW POHL, LESLIE POHL, JENNIFER HINSON, MATTHEW POHL
<i>Postlude</i>	ELLEN GEORGE