

SHIRLEY ANN JENKIN

AUGUST 14, 1934 – JANUARY 14, 2012

Shirley Ann Jenkin was born August 14, 1934 in Omak, Washington. She graduated from Omak High School in 1952 entering WSC's (now WSU) nursing program the next fall. Their classes were in the old St. Luke's hospital where she learned to love the city of Spokane. Graduating in 1956 with an RN degree, she practiced as a camp nurse, then an office nurse. Moving to Seattle in 1958, Shirley became a staff nurse while entering the masters program at the University of Washington School of Nursing where she received her masters in 1961, then taught for two years at the University of WA. In 1963, she joined the faculty at Fresno State College and taught for seven years being promoted to associate professor.



Shirley returned to her beloved Spokane in 1969 as one of the first faculty in the new baccalaureate program known as the Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education (ICNE). This was a unique consortium nursing program, the first such program in the United States, and was shared in common by Eastern University, Fort Wright College of the Holy Names, WSU and Whitworth College. Shirley's specialty area of teaching was Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing. She held several leadership positions including Lead Instructor and Senior Level Coordinator and also served as Assistant Dean for Continuing Education in the early 1990s. Shirley completed all coursework for the PhD degree at the University of Texas School of Nursing in Austin, but did not complete a dissertation for a doctoral degree. Shirley continued to be an excellent teacher and a valuable member of the ICNE faculty until she retired in 1999.

Shirley's faith was the center of her life. Chrismated into the Orthodox Church at Holy Trinity in Spokane in 1995, Shirley continued to be part of the Holy Trinity family, attending Reading Group often. At St. John the Baptist Church, Shirley was an active member, always offering a welcoming smile to visitors. Serving in a variety of capacities, she most recently helped as part of the bookstore staff. Shirley also served as Camp Nurse for St. Mary of Egypt Summer Camp from 2004 to 2007. Nurse Shirley took much joy in spending the whole week out at camp, caring for her little patients and sharing stories with the staff. Everyone was sad to see her retire, but she continued as an avid supporter of the youth in her parish and community.

Shirley reposed on January 14, 2012 at Spokane Hospice House as the service of Vespers was being chanted. Just as the prayer of St. Simeon, "Lord let now Thy servant depart in peace..." was prayed, Shirley left this life. Shirley Ann will be greatly missed by all.

May her memory be eternal!

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