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Longtime St. Helens resident Vera Berger Harrison, 95, who provided loving care to thousands of patients during her 45 years as a registered nurse, passed away peacefully at a family home in Florida February 10.

Her daughter Mary Anne Miles, sons Joe Berger and Jerry Berger and daughter-in-law Annette Berger were with her when she died after battling cancer.

Mrs. Harrison was born on Sept. 21, 1916, in Prentiss County, Mississippi. She attended nursing school and worked as an operating room and emergency room nurse in Laurel, Mississippi, where she met her future husband, Leonard Berger.

The couple married in 1938 and had three children. They moved to St. Helens in 1945, where the devoted mother and RN worked for three decades as office nurse for Dr. Zeschin.

After Leonard died in 1976, she married her second love, Theodore Harrison of St. Helens, who also preceded her in death.

As a livewire retiree, Mrs. Harrison split her time between Oregon and Florida. She loved the water on both coasts, and was an avid fisherman, beachcomber, bird-watcher and baker. She enjoyed spending time with dear friends at the St. Helens Senior Center and making craft items to help support the center. She also was a loyal member of the Daughters of the Nile and the Women of the Moose.

Besides her children and daughter-in-law, she is survived by a sister, Bernice Lenich, a grandson, Douglas Berger, granddaughters Erin Berlanga and Sarah Nichols and two great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Monday, February 20, at Columbia Funeral Home in St. Helens.



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The family suggests, donations be made in her name to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 S.E. Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997.

On-line condolences can be made to the family at; www.columbiafh.com



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Anonymous posted:

I am so very sorry I was unable to make it to Vera's service...and so delighted I ran into Mary and her while they were shopping one day...she was always such a radiant light, full of warmth and humor...I adored her! My love...phyllis##imported-begin##phyllis McNamee ##imported-end##

February 19 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Vera was a lovely lady, delightful to be around and a joy to have in our lives. She gave us good memories! Love to you all, Betty##imported-begin##Joe and Betty Haselden##imported-end##

February 17 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Vera was always such a sweet and lovely lady. I missed her when she left St. Helens. She used to be so active at the Senior Center and I have thought about her often.##imported-begin##Cheryl Young##imported-end##

February 13 at 5:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vera by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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