



Geraldine "Jeri" Lenore Allen

June 11, 1927 - August 12, 2019

Geraldine (Jeri) Lenore Allen passed away at her home in Bend, Oregon on August 12, 2019.

Jeri was born on June 11, 1927 in Seattle Washington to Marie and George Atkins. Jeri grew up in Yakima, Washington where her and her mom lived for a few years with her grandparents,

French was the primary language she learned. During the Great Depression, her mother remarried and she helped raise her three brothers; Allen, Willie and Melvin Dearborn. With the coming of WWII, the family moved to Vancouver, Washington.

Jeri met the love of her life George Allen at the end of WWII in Long Beach, California while visiting friends and George was on shore leave for the US Navy. They were married in Yuma, Arizona on December 1, 1946. George and Jeri traveled the world over the next 20 years; Japan, Hawaii, Korea, South Carolina and San Diego. They adopted two boys from South Korea in the 1950's, Donald and John who brought the joys and challenges of

parenthood.

They continued their travels later in life to Canada, Alaska, Europe and Panama

Jeri was the kindest, most thoughtful and caring person you could meet. Shy at first but always quick with a smile, a laugh and loving embrace for friends and family. She spent many years foster parenting infants until they were adopted. Jeri was preceded in death by her husband George and her son Donald. She is survived by her son John and his wife Julie-Truax Allen, Jeri's grandson Conor Allen, her daughter in law Sun Allen, her three brothers Allen, Willie and Melvin and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be deeply missed by all whose lives she has touched.