



**Donna Gaeddert  
Brewster**

**8-16-1944**

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**HHS Class '62**

**11-24-2017**

Passed away peacefully at home on November 24th secure in her faith as she went into the hands of the Lord surrounded by her family. She was born to John R. Gaeddert and Minnie M. Jordan on August 6, 1944 in Hutchinson, KS.

After graduating from Hutchinson High School, Donna went on to attend the University of Kansas, joining the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She soon met her husband to be and love of her life, Bob Brewster, on a blind date which she nearly skipped. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in education, Donna married Bob on December 17, 1966 in Hutchinson and began a wonderful life together. Donna taught fourth grade in the Shawnee School District while Bob finished medical school and then she taught at the University of Virginia Children's Hospital for a short time. While Bob was an orthopedic resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, they started their family.

In 1975, they moved to Spokane where Donna focused on raising her young children. Over the years, she became involved in volunteering for the Spokane Symphony, First Presbyterian Church and served for 25 years as a Bible Study Fellowship Children's Leader. She enjoyed traveling, snow skiing, tennis, being a part of her long-time book club, her TLC group, spending time with family and friends and being at Spirit Lake. She was a wonderfully compassionate wife, mother and grandmother for whom family always came first.

Donna is survived by her husband of 50 years, Bob Brewster, their son Rob Brewster of Seattle, daughters Cathy (Ken) Tousley of Seattle and Amy (Ed) Barker of Spokane, five wonderful grandchildren, Matt and Beth Barker, Robert, Will and Jane Tousley, as well as her brother in law, Smokey Ensley, sisters-in-law, Carolyn Derusseau and Libby (Charlie) Medina and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Minnie Gaeddert and her sister Dodie Ensley.

We wish to thank all of those who cared for Donna, especially our dear friends, Dr. Hakan Kaya and Dr. Robert Laugen. We are grateful for all of the special care given throughout the years.

A service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 318 South Cedar, on Saturday, December 16th at 2:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Northwest Parkinson's Foundation and Cancer Care Northwest Foundation.

