



## Janet Elizabeth Seavers

December 24, 1944 - March 2, 2017

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Janet Elizabeth Seavers stepped into the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 2, 2017. Beloved wife, mother, and friend, Janet was a woman of abiding faith and that faith became sight at her homegoing. An early Christmas present, she was born December 24, 1944 to Lawrence and Mildred Cooper in Newport, the third generation of a Newport fishing family. Janet would live most of her life in this tightly knit community.

As a young girl, Janet spent time on her family's fishing vessels, including joining her father, Larry, for summer tuna trips. A 1962 graduate of Newport High School, Janet went on to attend Oregon State University. In August 1966, Janet and a group of friends set out on a grand adventure to live in Colorado Springs. It was there she met the love of her life, a tall California boy named James Seavers, who was in the Army at Ft. Carson, Colorado. After a whirlwind courtship, they married on May 7, 1967 and would enjoy almost fifty years of marriage. When Jim returned from the service, the couple moved to Chico, California where they welcomed the birth of twins Michael and Lisa. After living in Fresno, California for five years, Janet and Jim moved back to Newport where Jim began commercial fishing and Janet set about the task of raising her family. Many a summer were spent traveling up to Astoria and

Westport to meet Jim in between shrimping trips. Janet was both a member and president of Newport Fishermen's Wives, volunteered with a fledgling Oregon Coast Aquarium, and served as a deaconess at Newport First Baptist Church. In their later years Janet and Jim enjoyed watching their grandchildren grow, cultivating their skills as master gardeners, attending dinner parties with Janet's childhood friends, visiting with their coffee group, vacationing annually in Kauai and spending time at their home in Eagle Crest.

Janet was a loving and devoted wife and mother who took great pride and joy in raising her family and seeing them reach their full potential. Janet's crowning achievement was introducing her children and husband to Jesus, for which they are eternally grateful. Elegant and gracious, Janet loved beauty and springtime and created a beautiful home from which she carefully watched over her family.

Janet had the gift of nurturing lifelong friendships. Sincerely interested in people, Janet loved asking questions and listening to the details of individual's lives. She intuitively knew what people needed and sought to meet those needs. Janet treasured her friends.

Janet is survived by her husband Jim, son Michael (Robin), daughter Lisa Lackey (Jeff), and grandchildren Elizabeth, James, and Annie Lackey, Christian and Tylar Seavers, and Natalie and Carson Rose. Janet is also survived by her brother Mark Cooper (Nanci), sisters-in-law Patti Plescia, Barb Roberts, Carol Grundy (Tom) and Shelley Nault, and several nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Newport First Baptist Church. A reception will follow at the Pacific Maritime

Heritage Center. Donations suggested to South Beach Church Building Fund, PO Box 950, Newport OR, 97365.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *A Loving Friend lit a candle in memory of Janet Elizabeth Seavers*



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**A loving friend** - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM