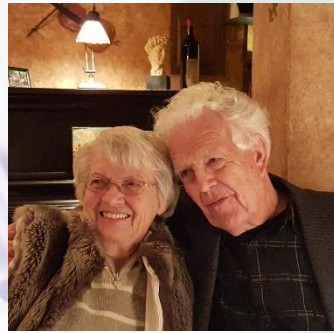




*"Strong? No, my friend,
I am far from it.
What you're seeing is simply a weak person
with a very strong God!"*

A CELEBRATION OF

Life



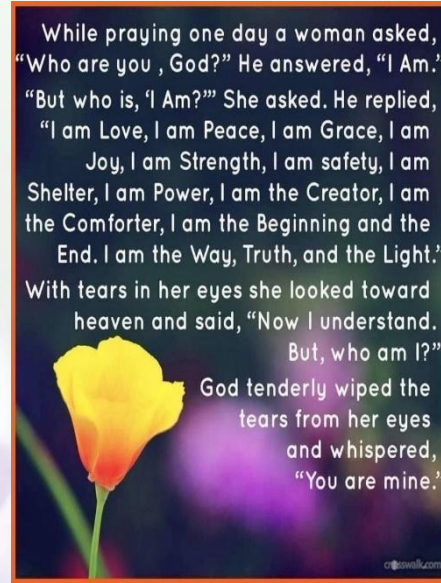
LENELLA CHELLIS

1932 - 2024

**March 23, 2025 at 1:00pm
HIGHLINE SDA CHURCH**

With special thanks from the Chellis family

Please join us for light refreshments after the service.



Obituary

Our beloved mother, Lenella M Chellis, was born in February 1932, in Oregon City, Oregon to Elmer and Inez Hitchman. She passed away peacefully in December 2024, in Seattle, Washington, only 2 months shy of her 93rd birthday.

While attending Walla Walla College, Lenella met Allen Chellis, who became her devoted husband of 54 years. Together, they raised two children, Eugene ("Gene") Chellis and Karen ("Kari") Chellis. After Allen's passing, Lenella found companionship once more with Mace Gay, a longtime family friend. They shared 13 years of marriage and mutual support.

Lenella, or "Len" as she liked to be called, was a kind and caring soul who devoted her life to nurturing and supporting others, always putting the needs of her family before her own. In her later years, she found joy in offering comfort to a vast network of friends and church members who became "family" through regular phone calls—a testament to her boundless compassion and empathy. She described her life as:

"I spend many, many hours on the phone... visiting or nurturing; sometimes just being a 'listening post.' I send cards; birthday, get well, sympathy, anniversary, friendship, and encouragement.

That's my 'mission,' to nurture others. My main desire is to be where the Lord wants me... where I can do the most for Him."

Len began her career as an elementary school teacher and later served as a receptionist in both the Seattle Junior Academy church school and dental offices. Her professional roles reflected her warmth and genuine care for those around her.

Her faith was the cornerstone of her life. Lenella was deeply committed to God, her family, friends, and her church community.

Mom wrote these words and left them for us to include in her Celebration of Life:

"Know that I am resting now for a brief time. I died in the joyous hope of the resurrection! A hope that sustains our family and many friends just now. And yet, even during this brief interruption, (I hope) my work and influence live on."

Lenella is survived by her husband Mace, her children Gene and Kari, her granddaughters Aubrie and Svetlana; and her great-grandsons Dominic and Julian.

Remembering the life of
Lenella M. Chellis, 92 years and 10 months

February 12, 1932 – December 18, 2024

Highline Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 1:00 PM

Prelude		Piano
Welcome and Prayer		Elder Bob Pease
Scripture Readings	1st Thessalonians 4: 13-18 NLT Psalms 115: 16 KJV	Elder Bob Pease
Affirmation of Hope	"We Have this Hope" Hymn # 214	Congregation
Life Reflections	Gene Chellis, Son	
Special Music	"Heirlooms"	Debbie Walker English Kari's Sister-in-Heart
Words of Assurance	1st Corinthians 15: 50-58 NLT Revelation 14:13 KJV	Pastor Kim Berg
Hymn	"Never Part Again" Hymn # 449	Congregation
Memorial Tribute	A Tribute to Len Including a special selection of Len's "Church Humor"	Slideshow
Open Sharing	Open invitation to share your memories of Len	Congregation
Hymn	"How Great Thou Art" Hymn # 86	Congregation
Scripture & Benediction	2nd Timothy 4:7-8 NLT	Elder Bob Pease
Postlude		Piano

All Hymns and Scriptures were personally selected by Len.

Thank you, all, for being with us as we join in remembering the life of Lenella Chellis.

Our family thanks you for joining us on this special, but difficult, day.

Please continue to share your memories here:

<https://everloved.com/life-of/lenella-chellis/>