



*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and never brought to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and days of auld lang syne?*

*For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and never brought to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and days of auld lang syne?*

*And here's a hand, my trusty friend,
and gie's a hand o' thine.*

*We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet
for auld lang syne.*

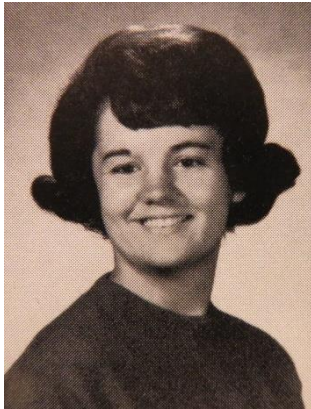
[Donald Thomas Alderson \(1947-2018\)](#)
[Milton Joe Anderson \(1946-2022\)](#)
[Thomas Sidney Allen \(1947-2018\)](#)
[Michael Dean Anable \(1947-2018\)](#)
[Carolyn Beth Ashburn Rawls \(1947-2019\)](#)
[James William Bagley \(1947-2019\)](#)
[Thomas Berkley Blume \(1947-2021\)](#)
[Janis Bostwick Lankhaar \(1947-2016\)](#)
[Phyllis Lee Caillier Bird \(1946-2022\)](#)
[Judy Louise Corne Bray \(1947-2017\)](#)
[Douglas Jon Connell \(1947-2021\)](#)
[James Edwin Elvig \(1946-2023\)](#)
[Sharen Lee Farrar Macy \(1947-2017\)](#)
[Dana J. Feldmann \(1947-2019\)](#)
[Virginia Mae Figenbaum \(1947-2022\)](#)
[Janice Ann Gloppen Dunnigan \(1947-2022\)](#)
[Steven Allen Gordon \(1947-2022\)](#)
[Robert Stanley Gunderson \(1947-2021\)](#)
[Kerry Arthur Helm \(1946-2021\)](#)
[Laurie Sue Hendrix McMurry](#)
[John H. Hocking \(1947-2018\)](#)
[Leonard Wayne Kales \(1947-2019\)](#)
[William Charles McAllister \(1947-2016\)](#)
[Glen Arthur McMurry \(1947-2018\)](#)
[Nancy Lee Miller Deaver \(1947-2021\)](#)
[Marvette Tanya Nelson Gwinner \(1947-2022\)](#)
[Kathryn "Kit" Jamieson O'Connor \(1947-2019\)](#)
[Jani Robertson Adderley \(1947-2021\)](#)
[Lynn Marie Rogers Biery \(1947-2022\)](#)
[Randy Logan Simpson \(1947-2023\)](#)
[Mark Curtis Sleasman \(1947-2016\)](#)
[Charles Larry Smith \(1947-2019\)](#)
[Jane Ann Veratt Bradley \(1947-2017\)](#)
[Kathryn Weisenburger Huffman \(1947-2022\)](#)
[Robert Alan Weihe \(1947-2019\)](#)
[Rollin Kirk Wilson \(1946-2022\)](#)
[Steven Craig Zatrine \(1947-2017\)](#)



**William Charles McAllister
(1947-2016)**

Bill passed last Sunday, 24 April 2016, in his home surrounded by family. Bill spent his life in Bellingham with periods working in Alaska's fishing industry. After graduating BHS in 1965 he joined the USMC Reserves, and worked for 44 years at Intalco. He enjoyed fishing, classic cars, endlessly remodeling the family home and spending time with family and friends. He'll be remembered for his work ethic, family dedication, and willingness to help anyone who needed it. Bill's easy going nature, quick smile, and quiet wit will be missed by those who knew him. He is

survived by wife Trudy, children Mark, Scott, Gina, and Trent, nine grandchildren, and brothers Dick and Butch. His graveside service is Thursday May 5th, 2:30PM, at Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Drive in Ferndale, WA.



**Janis Bostwick Lankhaar
(1947-2016)**

Janis (Brent) Lankhaar was born in the town of Skykomish WA on September 18, 1947. Janis was the fourth child and the second daughter to Alice and Ernest Dahlgren. Janis passed away peacefully in her sleep of natural causes on May 26, 2016 in Everett WA. Janis was 68 years old.

When Janis was a young girl she went to live with her adoptive parents Katherine and Lowell Bostwick after her father Ernest was killed in a logging accident and her mother was no longer

able to physical care for her. Janis was very close and loved her adoptive mother Katherine (better known as grandma Katie to her future grandchildren) very much. As a young woman she met, fell in love, and married Michael Dill. They went on to have three children Robert (deceased), Kristine, and Jennifer. In October 1977 Janis married her second husband Danny Lankhaar and had their son Christopher; Janis was married to Danny for 23 years. During those years Janis loved raising her children and spending time with the family, she loved going on our annual camping trips to Acme, Hood Cannel (better known as Aunt Punky's Property), Baker Lake, and many more. Janis always enjoyed a good mystery novel some of her favorite authors were Dean Koontz and James Patterson just to name a few. Janis also loved to play bingo with her sister-in-laws and friends any time she could.

Janis worked for the majority of her adult life as an Administrative Assistant at Western Washington University and the Marysville School District. In her later years she worked as the Administrative Assistant/Security Dispatcher for the Tulalip Casino until she retired. Wanting to live in a warmer climate she decided to move to Arizona in 2005 where at the time her son Christopher was living, missing Washington she decided to move back home to Washington in 2007.

Janis' absolute pride and joy were her children and grandchildren. She had a very special relationship with her first grandchild Kaitlyn, Janis helped her daughter Jennifer raise Kaitlyn so the bond and relationship between grandmother and granddaughter was very strong.

Janis is preceded in death by her birth parents Alice and Ernest Dahlgren, adoptive parents Katherine and Lowell Bostwick, and her baby boy Robert Dill.

Janis is survived by her three children Kristine Mayse and (Billy Ray) of Kentucky, Jennifer (Jason) Williams of Marysville, and Christopher Lankhaar and (Jerilyn) of Everett, her five grandchildren Kaitlyn Dill and (Tiana) of Marysville, Tyler Williams and (Taylor) of Marysville, Andrew Wischmann of Arizona, Courtney (Dwight) Barnett of Kentucky, and Jared Mayse of Kentucky, her three great-grandchildren Eli, Ava, and Noah Barnett of Kentucky, her siblings, Arthur Dahlgren of Tacoma, Sharon Humphreys of Wyoming, and Tom Kief of California as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

A celebration of life BBQ will be held on Saturday June 25, 2016 at 3pm at the home of her daughter Jennifer Williams. This will be a time for everyone to come together to remember and share our favorite memories of Janis.

Arrangements under the direction of Schaefer-Shipman Funeral Home, Marysville,



**Mark Curtis Sleasman
(1947-2016)**

Mark Curtis Sleasman passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at Providence hospital in Everett, WA due to complications of pneumonia and COPD. He was born in Bellingham on October 12, 1946 to Sid H. and Dorothy M. (Holmes) Sleasman. He, along with his wife owned and operated Sleasman Statuary for 35 years. He was a member of Teamsters #231 and drove dump trucks for 35 years, retiring from Lakeside Industries in Anacortes, WA in October 2008. He was a

lifetime member of the VFW and served in the Navy as a gunner's mate on the USS Oklahoma City and USS Providence during the Viet Nam War. He was an extremely hard worker, a devoted husband, father and

grandfather. He had a great sense of humor and was the muse for his wife's writings; every time either he or she did something stupid, he would say, "Go write about that!" He loved his family and his many friends, especially best friends Bill LaPlante, Bob Danielson, and Greg Mumford. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy & Sid; son, Paul LeRoy Olsen, Jr.; daughter Elizabeth Sue Sleasman and grandson Mark Curtis Sleasman, II. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Margaret; sons, Curt "Crash" Sleasman of Bellingham; Bill (Samantha) Sleasman, of Ferndale; John Anthony Olsen of Portland, OR; and Shane Parker of Bellingham. Daughter-in-law, Carol Olsen; grandchildren, Joshua James and Amber Ruth Olsen all of LaFayette, OR; grand-daughter, Kayla Dawn Sleasman of Spokane; grandchildren, Emma & Gabriel Gray of Ferndale; and grandchildren Sidney & Parker Sleasman of Bellingham; Brother, Dale (Darlene) Sleasman of Ferndale; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Many thanks to the Staff at St. Joseph's, Skagit Valley, and Providence hospitals, to the Paramedics of Whatcom county and the EMT's of Northwest Ambulance for going above and beyond in their care for him. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the , and a vote supporting our fire and emergency services. Services will be announced at a later date.



**Steven Craig Zatrine
(1947-2017)**

Steven Craig Zatrine was born 04 July 1947 in Bellingham, Washington, to Henry and Phyllis Zatrine and died 10 February 2017 at Whatcom Hospice House in Bellingham. He attended Bellingham schools and was graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965. He attended Western Washington State College for a short time before entering the United States Army. Upon completion of his military service, Steve joined his father in installing flooring in homes and businesses throughout the Whatcom County area. Steve took a great deal of pride in his work.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, his half-brother Homer Zatrine, and his wife Lumduan "Dim" Zatrine. He is survived by his son Steve and wife Erin Zatrine, his sister Kay Marsh, his nephew David Mohs, and many other relatives and friends.

Arrangements are being handled by Whatcom Cremation & Funeral. A celebration of Steve's life will be held at a later date.



**Jane Ann Veratt Bradley
(1947-2017)**

Jane Ann Bradley (Veratt) passed away unexpectedly on 5/23 in her home in Federal Way. Jane was born 5/19/47 to long time Bellingham residents Chester & Mary Veratt. She grew up in Bellingham and graduated Shuksan High School in 1965. She then moved to Seattle to become a dental assistant; shortly after meeting Rich. They were married in the summer of 69. They built a home in Federal Way and raised their children in it. As the children grew Jane stayed busy making crafts of all kinds and selling them, she was creative and always was finding new and unique outlets to express it. As the kids grew she went to work as a teacher's assistant, and also worked with children with disabilities, her compassion and love knew no bounds. Now reunited with her father Chester, Jane leaves behind: her husband Rich, daughters Carin & Katie, grandsons Aiden & Elijah, mother

Mary, Sister Lisa, and niece Alisha. Life celebration 2 p.m. June 10th at the Dumas Bay Center in Federal Way. Family asks that you wear bright colors in honor of the brightness Jane brought to our lives.



**Sharen Lee Farrar Macy
(1947-2017)**

Sharen Lee (Farrar) Macy was born April 20, 1947. She passed away July 15, 2017. She is preceded in death by her Mother, Betty Therrien, her Father, William Farrar and her husband Denny Macy. She is survived by her daughter, Babbette; sons Shane Bouffiou and Bryan (Vanessa)Bell, Brent (Shannon) Macy, Greg (Amy) Macy; brother Mike (Dianne) Farrar, grandchildren: Larrissa Barber, Kyle Macy, Brianna and Emma Bell; step parents Henry Therrien and Marilyn Farrar, nephews Jason (Becky) Farrar, Scott (Jamie Woods) Farrar; great nieces Kennedy, Ruby & Jessa Farrar and Summer & Mazee Farrar. Sharen was a talented florist and decorator. She had a great eye for beautiful antiques. She is finally home with the love of her life, Denny. Sharen was one of a kind and she will be dearly missed. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.



**Judy Louise Corne Bray
(1947-2017)**



Judy Louise (Corne) Bray was born March 9, 1947, in Burlington and passed away December 2, 2017, in Tacoma, Washington. She grew up in Bellingham, Washington, and was active in Camp Fire Girls and Horizon Girls during her formative years. She attended Bellingham schools, and was graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965.

After graduation, Judy joined the U. S. Army as a WAC and set out to see the world. She did

her training in Georgia and Alabama and then was stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas, as a company clerk. It was here that she met the love of her life, Paul Bray, and they married six months later. When Paul returned from serving in Viet Nam, Judy resigned from the Army to start a family. They did two tours of duty in Germany before returning to Kansas and then finally settling on the West Coast.

While in Germany, Judy joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Through the church, she became an avid genealogist and completed two books on her family's genealogy. Judy was devoted to her beliefs and remained an active member of her church for the remainder of her life.

Judy and Paul raised three children: Jeff, Kris, and Anjee. Judy is survived by her husband of 51 years, her three children, eleven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters, Joyce and Janna. She will be dearly missed by her family.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2018, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Tacoma, Washington.



**John H. Hocking
(1947-2018)**

John H. Hocking, 71, a longtime Mount Vernon resident, passed away at his home on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 after a battle with cancer.

John was born in Bremerton, WA on January 3, 1947, the son of Norman and Dorothy (Hogan) Hocking. The family later moved to Bellingham, where John was raised. He attended Shuksan Jr. High School and graduated with the class of 1965 from Bellingham High School.

Always a hard worker who wanted to make his own way, John was on a boat graduation night headed to Alaska to begin commercial fishing. During the fishing off season, he worked for Bellingham Cold Storage.

A few years later, he moved to Mount Vernon where he worked for Skagit Valley Trucking. Soon after he began his career in real estate, first with Countryside Realty, then later earning his Broker's license and opening his own agency, J&J Properties. John found his passion in real estate development. He was proud of his accomplishments and grateful for the life he was able to lead.

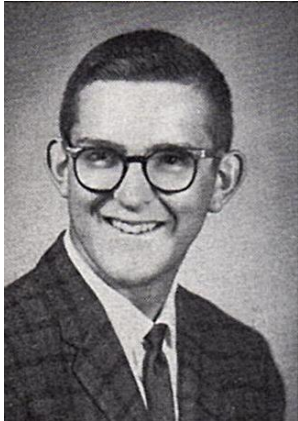
John was forever teaching his children and grandchildren the value of a dollar. He loved animals, especially his beloved dogs, Otis & Rose. His favorite pastimes were walks at Washington Park in Anacortes, and driving up into the mountains to enjoy the snow.

John will be remembered by his friends and family for his love of making a deal and living life on his own terms.

John is survived by his daughters, Rita Hocking-Kombol (Aaron) of Saudi Arabia and Bellingham and Cheri Wisdom (Brett) of Kirkland; four grandchildren, Lauren & Morgan Kombol, Mitchell & Sam Wisdom and several extended family members.

At John's request there will be no services. Private inurnment will be at Greenacres Cemetery in Ferndale. Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society of Skagit Valley, 18841 Kelleher Road, Burlington, WA 98233 in honor of John.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley.



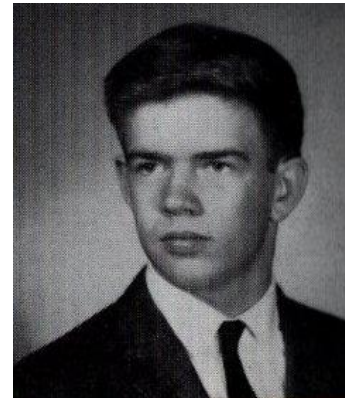
**Michael Dean Anable
1947-2018**

Michael Dean Anable passed away peacefully on April 28, 2018, at the age of 71, from the effects of Parkinson's Disease. Mike graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965 and was in the United States Airforce from 1965 to 1969. Mike also served in the Air National Guard of Washington and the Reserve of the US Airforce from 1969 to 1978. He worked for many years, as a machine operator, at Georgia Pacific in

Bellingham, WA. Mike was a very intelligent and caring person, who you would have definitely wanted to be on your team for a game of trivial pursuit. He was also an avid Seahawks and Mariners fan. Over the years, Mike often traveled with his brother, Jim, to Maui where they made many lasting friendships. Mike's passing comes one year after his brother Jim passed away. Mike is also preceded in death by his mother Harriet Anable. Mike is survived by his brothers Dan Anable and wife Kay, and Greg Anable and wife Kathy, along with his nieces Tracy Anable and Jennifer Anable, and grandniece Emily Morgan. A casual afternoon memorial service will be held to honor Mike on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 2:00pm, at Moles Farewell Tributes Greenacres, 5700 Northwest Drive, Ferndale, WA. To share your memories of Mike, please visit www.molesfarewelltributes.com

**Glen Arthur McMurry
1947-2018**

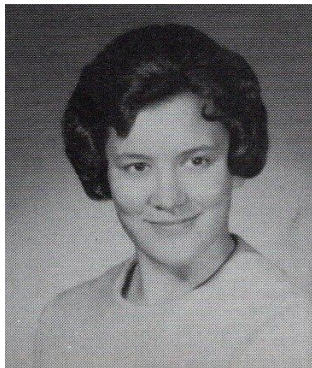
Glen Arthur McMurry, 70, of Sedro-Woolley passed away Monday, November 5, 2018. Glen was born December 24, 1947 to Neil and Hannah McMurry in Bellingham, WA. He graduated from Bellingham High School and obtained a degree from Skagit Valley College in Forestry. He resided in Skagit Valley for many years where he built himself a "man cave" shop, with a residence attached. He retired from the Department Of Transportation where he worked on our major highways as an engineer. Glen was passionate about woodworking, photography, and hiking. He built wood rocking motorcycles, kaleidoscopes and hope chests for a few of his family members. He inherited his Dad's green thumb and produced an impressive garden every year. Glen also put a lot of work into making a calendar every year that featured his photographs of beautiful scenery. He passed these out to family and friends. He took 1st prize in the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival photo contest in 2015. After he retired he started "Shutter Finger Photographs," and started selling his photos. Many photos he printed on canvas and stretched himself, others he place in hand built frames. Glen is survived by five siblings, Marjorie Giger, of Bellingham, Frank (Julie) McMurry, of Bellingham, Robert McMurry, of Seattle, Irene (Roger) Hall, of Friday Harbor, Alan (Laurie) McMurry, of Kirkland. He was preceded in death by his parents, Neil and Hannah McMurry; brother-in-law, Wesley Giger. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00, Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley, with a reception immediately following at Rustic Roots, 133 State St. Suite B, Sedro-Woolley. Share your memories of Glen and sign the online guestbook at www.lemleychapel.com.



**Donald Thomas Alderson
(1947-2018)**

See an article in the Bellingham Herald for remembrances of Don's life:

<https://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/crime/article219789370.html#navlink=SecList//>



**Janice Lorraine Dahl
1947-2019**

Janice L. Dahl of Renton, WA, passed away Thursday, February 21, 2019. She was 71, born on November 16, 1947 in Bellingham, WA to Karl and Dorothy Dahl. Janice was preceded in death by her father Karl and is survived by her mother Dorothy; her brothers Ed (Barbara) Dahl and Jon (Ellen) Dahl; her sister Ann Dahl; and numerous nieces, nephews; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; and cousins. Janice graduated from

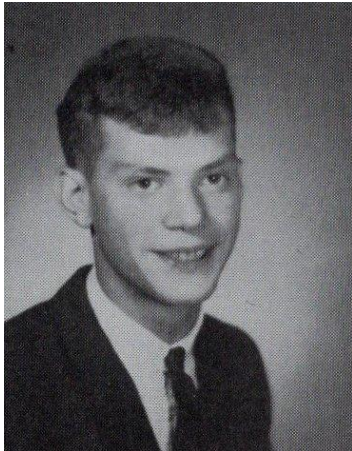
Bellingham High School in 1965 and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Washington University. She worked for King County since graduation, working twenty five years as a Regional Recreation Program Administrator and then as a Ride Share Service Representative in accounting when she retired last July 31st. In her younger years her hobbies were slow pitch softball, badminton, and bowling; winning many trophies in slow pitch. Janice was also very involved with Special Olympics. She enjoyed traveling around the United States to visit family and even took a trip to Norway and Sweden. Her family and friends will always remember her as a kindhearted person, always doing random acts of kindness, paying for someone groceries or a meal was the norm for her. To her it wasn't just big things that made a difference but also the little things. Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church. A celebration of life is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 4th at Faith Lutheran Church in Bellingham. You may share your memories at www.westfordfuneralhome.com.

**James William Bagley
1947-2019**

James William Bagley, Jim, died unexpectedly on May 1, 2019. He was a life-long resident of Whatcom County though born in Port Angeles, he lived briefly, as a child, in Crescent City, California. Jim retired from the City of Bellingham. Preceding him in death were grandparents Mel and Maude Brann, parents Bill and Maxine Bagley, his Aunt Carm and Uncle Louie Brown, and brother in law Chris Troha. He is survived by his spouse, Cathy Shuler, of 22 years and her children Erica and Brian. JB left four siblings and their families: Norm Bagley (Carol Eckloff), Coral Donavon (Jim), Francene MacDonald (Scott) and Freddie Ann Troha. Other survivors include his cousin Jackie Bruce (Randy), Jim's daughter Melanie, and former wife Terry Daly and her daughter Sharon Cload. In lieu of flowers, if you wish, please donate to the Brain Trauma Foundation. After Jim's car accident in high school he had many physical challenges. He met them with bravery, a great sense of humor and the strongest



handshakes and hugs imaginable. JB will be missed by his family and many friends. Services will be announced at a later date.



**Charles Larry Smith
1946-2019**

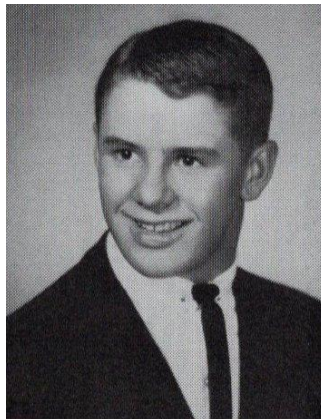
Born 7/26/1946 in Bellingham to Charles and Beatrice (Depew) Smith; he died 6/22/2019. Graduated from Bellingham High in 1965. Served in the US Marine Corp Reserve. Was married to Patty Van Dyk for 21 years. Had a son, Denny and a daughter, Tammy. Worked for Intalco for 30 years. Owned the Holy Smoke Tavern with wife Karen Matter. Had a

son, Trevor with companion Linda Pike. Enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, boating and motorcycling. Preceded in death by Grandparents, Stoeys and Myrtle (Blodgett) Depew, his parents and brother Dan (Sue)

Smith. Survived by sisters Charlene (Jim) Scott and Linda (Mike) Hook, son Denny Smith, daughter Tammy Smith, Son Trevor Smith, granddaughter Ashley Goering, Grandson Matt Goering, Great Granddaughter Aaliyah Goering, Great Grandson Novah Rambow. After a short stay in Hospice he passed away from pancreatic cancer. A private memorial will be observed.

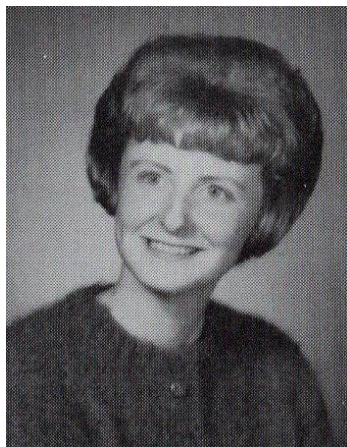
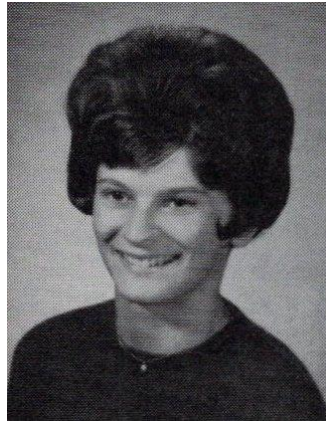
**Dana J. Feldmann
1947-2019**

Dana J. Feldmann 72 of Lynden, WA peacefully passed into the arms of his Savior on July 23, 2019 surrounded by his family. A private memorial service will be at a later day In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be directed to Boy Scouts of America. Dana was born February 27, 1947 in Centralia, WA the second son of Lester and Minerva Feldmann. He married Marsha J. Murphy December 9, 1972 in Portland, OR. Survivors include his wife, Marsha J. Feldmann, Lynden, WA, children, Jim (Kelly) Murphy, Mackinaw, IL, Mardana (John) Hay, Abbotsford, Canada, and Shana (Aaron) Frankovich, Castle Rock, CO, and 5 grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Fred Feldmann, Acworth, GA; Cary (Nancy) Feldmann, Bonney Lake, WA and their families. Dana was a longtime resident of Whatcom County. After graduation from Bellingham High School he attended the University of Washington to study architecture followed by a couple years as a crewman on several large sailing ships in the Caribbean. Dana found Marsha, the love of his life, while in Portland, they married and returned to the Whatcom County where he began to work at Intalco. He retired from Intalco after 29 years of service. He loved the ocean which included sailing, clam digging and surf fishing. He loved art projects and was always creating something novel. But most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family, who will miss him dearly.



**Carolyn Beth Ashburn Rawls
1947-2019**

October 6, 1947 - August 20, 2019 Carolyn Beth Rawls, 71, of Snohomish, WA, passed away on the evening of August 20, 2019. Carolyn was born to Jonathan and Gloria Ashburn, on October 6, 1947, in Bellingham, WA. She leaves daughters, Kristi Manning, Jennifer Giambrone; sister, Margaret Soth; grandchildren, Keiley Manning, Joey Giambrone, Kaitlyn Giambrone; great-grandchildren, Rylinn Reiter, Kylie Reiter. Her family will remember her as an intensely strong woman whose devotion to the ones she loved was felt every day and in everything she did. A Remembrance Gathering is scheduled for October 13, 2019, 3:00-5:30 p.m. at Rosehill Community Center in Mukilteo, WA.



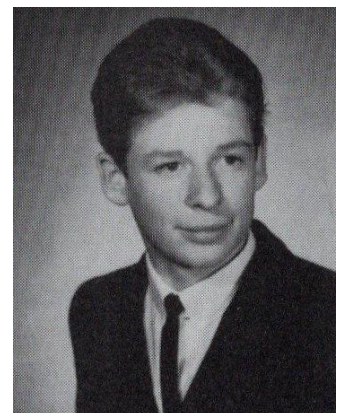
**Kathryn "Kit" O'Connor
1947-2019**

Kathryn "Kit" O'Connor, age 72, of Blaine passed away from Cancer Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019 in Bellingham. She was born Feb. 25, 1947 in Longview, WA to parents Charles Richard and Sara Kathryn (Jamieson) O'Connor. She attended Campus Grade School at WWSC and graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965. Kit received her teaching degree from WWU, her master's degree from WSU and her Administrative Credential from PLU. She taught for 24 years in Olympia, WA and finished her 31 years of teaching in

Bellingham. Kit is survived by her two brothers, Dave and Pat O'Connor; two nieces, Christina (Jeff) Goldy and Jackie (Dan) Patterson; great nieces and nephews, Morgan, Jane, Peter and Clifford. She spent her retirement years between San Juan Island, Yuma, AZ, Birch Bay and Cruising the Oceans. She was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Blaine. At her request no services will be held at this time. Please share your thoughts and memories of Kit online at www.sigsfuneralservices.com.

**Robert Alan Weihe
1947-2019**

Robert, also known as Bobby, was born October 14, 1947, in Bellingham to Fred and Vietta Weihe and died November 16, 2019. He attended Bellingham schools before enlisting in the Army and serving two tours in Vietnam. He was blessed with artistic and musical talents and played a good game of golf. Bobby is survived by three children, Shane Weihe, Ashley Weihe, and Natasha James, his brother Rick Weihe, sister Kay Arnold, and sister Rita Weihe. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant twin brother William. A private service is planned.



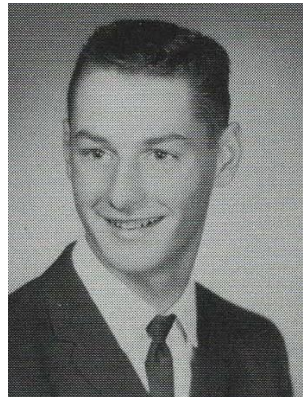


Leonard "Wayne" Kales
1947-2019

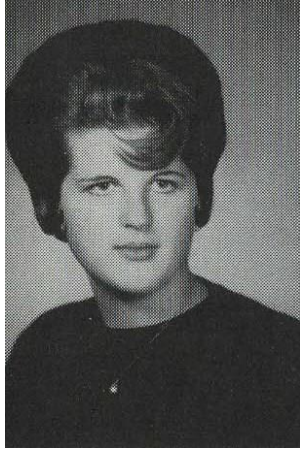
Leonard "Wayne" Kales, of Bellingham left us for his eternal home in Heaven on November 30, 2019. Wayne grew up in the Roosevelt neighborhood and attended Whatcom Jr. High School and Bellingham High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1967. He was a lifelong resident of Bellingham. Wayne's greatest passion in life was his family and spreading God's word of salvation through Jesus Christ. He cared so deeply and personally about the salvation of others. He read and studied the various translations of the Bible every day. He was a kind, generous, loving soul that will be missed more than words could ever describe. He was preceded in death by his mother Mickey Kales, his father Stanley Kales, and his brother Michael Kales. He is survived by his brother Steve (Jan) Kales, daughters Sarah (Mike) August and Jenny (Ryan) Kapp, his grandchildren Payton and Nicholas Kapp, niece Katie Jo Kales, nephew Kramer Kales, extended family Jackie Kales and T.C. Anderson, cousins and friends. A celebration of life will be held at Moles Farewell Tributes Greenacres (5700 NW Dr. Ferndale, WA) on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Psalm 62:1 Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from Him. Please share your memories of Wayne at www.molesfarewelltributes.com

Douglas Jon Connell
1947-2021

May 23, 1947 - March 26, 2021
Mesa, Arizona - Doug Connell, age 73, passed away peacefully in his sleep at Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, Arizona on March 26, 2021. He was born on May 23, 1947 in Bellingham, Washington to Roy and Onda Connell. At the age of 19, Doug proudly served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS ORISKANY and completed several tours in Vietnam. After his military service, he returned to his hometown.



Doug worked for the City of Bellingham for 28 years. Starting as a Utility Worker in the Street Division and in his last nine years as a supervisor in charge of the field crews. Doug retired in 1999 and had the gift of enjoying over 20 years of retirement, spending time as a "snowbird" wintering in Arizona and spending spring and summers in Washington. He was an accomplished golfer, an avid fisherman, hunter, craftsman, outdoorsman, a character, masterful cook and BBQ extraordinaire and friend. He loved spending time outdoors, and as his friends and family could tell you, anytime spent with Doug was an adventure, and there was always a good laugh and a story to be told. He was preceded in death by his parents, and grandson Owen. Doug is survived by his loving partner Gloria Lere, brother Ron (Donna) Connell, children Eric (Shanine) Connell, Heather Connell, Kimberly (Justin) DeFries, and Chris Connell, six grandchildren, and many relatives and friends. A celebration of life will be held at the Squalicum Boathouse, 2600 S. Harbor Loop, on Saturday, May 15th at 11:00am. A livestream of the service will be available at <https://www.westfordfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Douglas-Connell/>.



**Donna May Ellingson Spencer
1947-2021**

Donna May Ellingson – Spencer, age 73, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2021 after a short battle with cancer. She was born May 11, 1947 in Everett, Washington to Neil Ellingson and Alice (Gray) Ellingson, one of four children. All three of her daughters were able to be with her in the last few days of her life.

Donna was preceded in death by her son, Clifford Richard Lefler; her father, Neil Bert Ellingson; her husband, John Spencer; her younger sister, Linda

Kay Leone. Donna is survived by her mother, Alice Gray Ellingson; two sisters, Sue Osborn and Bonnie Abbasi; her three daughters, Sherrie Marie Fox (married to Brian Fox), Tammy Sue Sanders (married to Anthony Sanders), Connie Lorainne Lefler. Donna was a wonderful grandmother and great grandmother to eight grandchildren, Matthew Koenig, Donny Justin Koenig (married to Kelsey), Chelsea Koenig, Zachari Brown, Jediah Brown, Shawna Sanders, Karin Torbenson, and Clifford Maxwell Lefler and to ten great grandchildren, Hadley Grace Koenig, Paisley Koenig, Marshall Justin Koenig, Emily Rindal, Elliot Koenig, Ophelia Mae Govern, Jaden Brown, Kemper Brown, and Zoe Brown.

A memorial for Donna was held on May 8, 2021 in a celebration of life in Sedro Woolley. Donations can be made in her memory to Alger Community Hall, 17835 Parkview Lane, Burlington, WA 98233.

Donna began her life as a beautiful baby coming into this world with rich black curly hair, a sign she was unique and destined to become a boisterous and gregarious little girl who would not let anything discourage her. Before even starting school, she was a neighborhood socialite who would often sit down and have tea in the kitchens of mothers of the children she made fast friends with. This while her sisters were off playing with dolls. When Donna and her sisters went to their grandmother's house in the summers in Everett, Donna preferred to sit and chat with her grandmother while her sisters went off with their Uncle Lee to the playground to swing and help him find treasures. Donna was gutsy and ready to try anything. When her grandmother would take Donna and her sisters to her lake property on Lake Stevens, Donna was the one who was the first to head to the dock and jump into swim or the one who was bravest to go out in the rowboat while her sisters sat on the dock dangling their feet in the water.

Donna grew up faster than her sisters, even her oldest one. She was into appearance and as early as third grade would fix her hair every day before going to school. She was the beautiful one. She liked to perform and was an achiever. She taught herself to swim at a very young age and being a tease, would taunt her sisters who were afraid of the water. She always outdid her sisters singing onstage when putting on Bluebird and Brownie performances. She went on to be a very talented singer and later in life performed with her first husband, Cliff, at many venues where he and his band played.

This social side of Donna rewarded her with many friends of all ages throughout her life. The gregarious side of her made her an achiever taking on adventures few others would. She was a truck driver, a bus driver, a well-liked waitress and bartender. Later in life, she was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Drill Team going on trips with her mother, a fellow VFW member, traveling to cities throughout the country to march in parades and to party at night. These trips built a strong bond between her and her mother. Many thought they were sisters because of their camaraderie and the fact they both looked so much alike. Donna was always up to something and if nothing exciting was happening, she found a way to make excitement happen.

In 1964, Donna and her family moved into a newly built house on Lake Samish. This was not easy for Donna being such a social butterfly as the lake was several miles from Bellingham, where she and her sisters grew up and went to school. One night out of boredom, she talked her sisters, Linda and Susie,

into making random phone calls to people just for fun. One resulted in a young guy picking up the phone who happened to be looking for a date being it was a Friday night. Donna talked to him and it wasn't long before he showed up at the house with two of his friends and took Donna and her sisters on a triple date! All these guys wanted to do was park somewhere but Susie, the practical sister, told them they had to take them bowling. Another time Donna wanted to go to a party in town. Her parents were not home and her older sister, Susie, was not around to take her to the party. No matter Donna did not have a driver's license. She hopped into a car and headed to town! When she came back from town, it was snowing, and she drove the car into a ditch. The neighbors had to help her out. Yes, Donna had gusto!

After graduating from high school, Donna married Cliff Lefler on November 5, 1965 in the living room of the Lake Samish house (this following the marriage of her younger sister, Linda, in the same spot just a month before). She was then swept into a life of motherhood raising four children living in Bellingham while they were young. When her children were a little older, a move was made to Port Angeles where they lived for several years before moving back.

Donna did have some rough times while raising her children but, in the end, there was nothing that would stop her from being the best mother she was able to be for them. She grew with them and they with her and gave her many years of joy as they moved on to have children of their own. She loved each and every one of their children even with some of them moving too far away for her to see as often as she would have liked. She never stopped being a socialite as can be attested by her many, many friends. She enjoyed both friend and family get-togethers and parties immensely and was very attached to her community. She became an avid supporter, and organizer for Alger Community Hall spearheading many of their projects. She loved to cook and her reputation as a cook for the Alger Tavern is well known. She loved flowers and had a bounty of them in her own yard as well as at the tavern. Her love for those flowers made them vibrant, healthy, and huge. She also started her own business several years ago first as a house sitter then as a pet sitter wherein she found great joy in caring for people's pets in their homes be it dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, or any other kind of pet.

Donna's presence will be enormously missed and will make for a huge hole in her family's lives, in her friend's lives and in her community. Share your memories of Donna and sign the online guest register.

Thomas Berkley Blume
1947 – 2021

August 13, 1947 - June 7, 2021 Bellingham, Washington - Thomas Berkley Blume, age 73, of Bellingham passed away Monday, June 7, 2021 in Bellingham. He had been a lifetime resident of Whatcom County. Tom was a Master Craftsman for Residential Construction to Boat Building. He is survived by his sons, Tim Blume and his wife Krista, Matt Blume and his wife Emily; grandsons, Sawyer, Wyatt and Nolan; sisters, Connie Blume, Sue and her husband Mike DenAdel; brother, Rod Blume and his wife Adi and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. A memorial celebration of Tom's life will be held on Saturday July 17, 2021, 2-6pm at the Squalicum Boat House at Zuanich Park in Bellingham, WA. Pie, ice cream and Coffee social. Feel free to bring your favorite pie you shared with Tom over the years and your favorite coffee mug. Please share your thoughts and memories online at, www.sigsfuneralservices.com





Jani Robertson Adderley
1947 – 2021

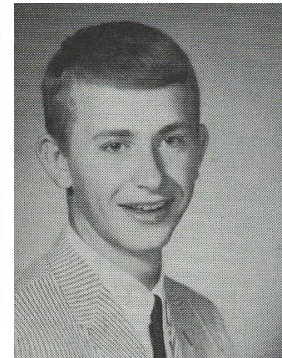
July 3, 1947 - August 30, 2021 Bellingham, Washington - Jani Adderley, age 74, passed away peacefully at home in Bellingham on August 30, 2021. She was born July 3, 1947 in Ketchikan, AK to Harold and Cleo Robertson. Jani dearly loved her family. She enjoyed spending time in her historic Columbia district home where she tended to her wonderful flowers. She was also an avid quilter and seamstress. Jani was very involved with the Eldridge Historical Society, and volunteered with neighborhood committees and the Elizabeth Park Summer Concert Series. She was proud to be one of the original members of the Bellingham Athletic Club. Jani was preceded in death by her parents, and her dear friend of 13 years, Karl Kern. She is survived by

her son Ben (Lori) Adderley, daughter Janel (Tony) Malella, grandchildren Kim Whisenhunt and family, Brittany Adderley, Nick Adderley, Alia Wise and family, and Devon Malella, twin sister Kari (Ed) Richardson, brother Dave Robertson, sisters Mary Jorgenson and Cathie (Jerry) Erickson, and many loving relatives and friends. A celebration of Jani's life will be held at Westford Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 14th at 11 AM. A dessert reception will follow. The service will also be livestreamed at www.westfordfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials for the Concerts in the Park may be made to the Eldridge Society, PO Box 4, Bellingham, WA 98228. You may share memories with the family at www.westfordfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Sidney Allen
1947 – 2018

Tom S. Allen was taken suddenly on June 16, 2018 leaving an extended family shocked and grieving.

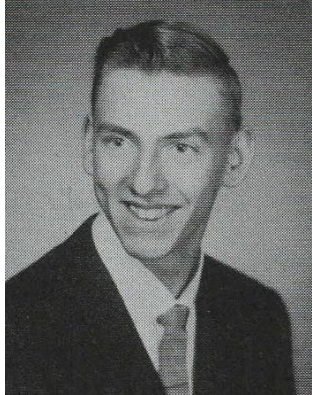
He was born Sept. 21, 1947.



Tommy could easily have been Dos Equis' Most Interesting Man in the World. He was handsome, he sailed a yacht through the Panama Canal, earned a degree from Evergreen State College, picked berries and beans in the fields with his brothers and sisters, worked on crab and salmon boats in the Gulf of Alaska, logged forests in Whatcom County, started an East-Indian import business, tended bar at Shenanigan's in San Diego and managed Chaps' in Stockton, was a broker for Frasier Yachts selling 80- to 120-foot boats to the rich and famous in California, Washington state, and Europe, held a 1,600-ton Master Oceans license from the U.S. Coast Guard, captained charter boats through the Straits of Juan de Fuca and the Gulf of Mexico, manned booths in boat shows from Los Angeles to Monaco, and was proprietor/grease monkey at the Green Light Garage on Bainbridge Island with Ali, Nick and Baxter.

Family was all-important to Tommy. Ali was the love of his life, Tommy thought she was beautiful, spunky, courageous and smart. He was proud of her career as a nurse, the way she embraced motherhood, her nightly 45-minute jog on the treadmill, her delicious muffins, cookies, and bread —especially the bread. He dearly loved his boys, Nick and Bax, and taught them how to fly fish, shingle a roof, fix a carburetor, make a grilled cheese sandwich, set a pick, swear, row a boat, be polite, respect their mother, and work hard.

Over the years we weave a tapestry consisting of threads from friends, family, pets, work buddies, and loved ones. Some patches are colorful; other patches more subdued. Tommy's portion was big, bold and bright. He will leave a huge hole in the fabric of our lives.



Robert Stanley Gunderson
1947 – 2021

Robert "Rob" Gunderson passed away, at his home, in Bellingham on Monday, August 30, 2021 at the age of 74.

Rob graduated from Bellingham High School and attended Bellingham Technical College where he completed the machining program. He worked as an automotive machinist at Nesbit in Bellingham before he went to work at Georgia Pacific where he worked the remainder of his 40+ years.

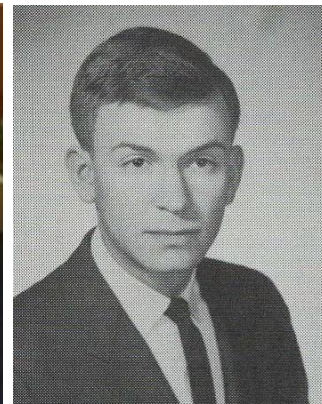
He obtained his pilot's license and enjoyed flying his family and friends all over Washington State, especially the San Juan Islands. He spent a lot of his time, with his sons, building and restoring cars, boats and planes. He traveled the west coast doing car shows with his family and old time nostalgic drags before purchasing dragster. He spent several summers racing his dragster all over the Pacific Northwest with his sons. He also loved spending time camping and fishing with his family and friends.

Rob is survived by his wife Sue; his twin brother Ken Gunderson; his sons Leroy, Paul, Jeremy (Sarah), Jason (Michelle), Jeff (Kara); his 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and his cat Mickey.

A private family graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Ferndale. A celebration of Rob's life will be announced at a later date. If you would like to honor Rob in some way, please donate to Whatcom Hospice Foundation (2901 Squalicum Parkway - Bellingham, WA 98225).

Kerry Arthur Helm
1946 – 2021

November 22, 1946 - October 3, 2021
Bellingham, Washington - Kerry Authur Helm, age 74, a tall, handsome man with a winsome personality passed away peacefully on October 3, 2021. What joy must have filled his heart as he came face to face with his Savior!



Kerry was born on November 22, 1946 to Arthur and Ruth (Lande) Helm in Everett, Washington. Sadly, his father passed away when he was only two years old. When Kerry was nine, his mother, Ruth, married Marvin Payne and they moved to Bellingham. He gained two sisters from that union. The family attended the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church now called Northside Community, where Kerry attended the last years of his life. Kerry graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965 and moved to California to follow his dream of becoming a surfer. However, Uncle Sam came calling and he was drafted into the United States Army. He was very proud of the time he served in the Army and was honored to be called a Veteran. Kerry loved cars and during his employment at Rothausen Volkswagen, developed a passion for Porsches. Kerry has passed his love of cars and trains to his son and grandson. He created an elaborate train set in retirement for the entertainment of his grandchildren. Kerry finished his career as a realtor for Follis Realty and enjoyed working with people from all walks of life.

Kerry was married to Kathleen Stanton Helm for over 20 years and they had two children, Amanda and James. Kerry met Terri Marshall in 2017, though their families had known each other for decades. In the

short time they were married, they developed a deep love for each other and drew closer to God as well. What a blessing it was for him to have her by his side during the last years of his life. Kerry will be deeply missed by his spouse Terri; daughter Amanda (Justin) Costello, son James (Kerri), grandchildren Melia and Drake; sister Susan (Orie) Barron, and sister Janet (Birger) Henriksen. With his marriage to Terri his family expanded and he was blessed to call her son Peter (Leanne) Marshall, daughter Andrea (Kyle) Manning, son Nathan Marshall, and her grandchildren, part of his family.

A private family graveside service was held at Enterprise Cemetery with Pastor Ted Swinburne officiating. A public "Celebration of Life" service will be held at Northside Community Church, 950 Kline Road in Bellingham on October 20th at 1pm. Please share your thought and memories of Kerry online at, www.sigsfuneralservices.com



**Rollin Wilson
(1946-2022)**

December 8, 1946 - November 30, 2021
Mukilteo, Washington - Rollin Kirk Wilson, lovingly known as "Rollie" sadly passed away shortly after midnight on 11/30/2021.

Surrounded by his Family and his favorite sport football, in which we felt so fortunate to be able to listen to one last game within his presence. He is survived by his beloved Wife, Kathy; Daughter, Amy; Son, Reid; Grandson, Asher Kirk; Brother's; Kim and Lyle; his Sister-in-Law's; Katie, Linda, Betsy and Mila; his

Brother-in-Law, David; his 8 Nephews; Doug, David, Daryl, Matthew, Timothy, Peter, Darin, Joel; and their Families, the Reid Family, and his amazing Friends, Coaches, Students, Players, and fellow Teachers. He is met by his Father, Allan; Mother, Wilma; Baby Brother, Wilson; and all his loved one's who passed before him.

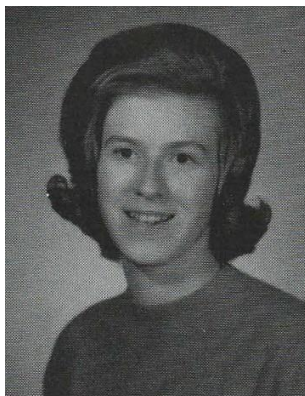
He was born to Allan B. and Wilma K. Wilson on 12/08/1946 at St. Joseph's in Bellingham WA and lived most of his childhood and early adulthood life in Ferndale and Bellingham. He graduated from Bellingham High School and received his Master's in Teaching along with 3 letters in Baseball from Western Washington University. He then went on to Teach Earth Science and Coached Football and Wrestling at Meadowdale Jr. High School (GO VIKINGS!), Meadowdale High School (GO MAVERICKS!), Monroe High School (GO BOBCATS!) and finished his 30+ year career at Cascade High School (GO BRUINS!). He was a lover of all sports (especially football, and wrestling in which he was self-taught), earth science, loved star gazing, loved to go camping specifically to Cannon Beach, OR and he loved to go fishing with his good friends in Conconully, WA.

But mostly he loved his Family, his fellow Coaches, his Players his Students, and his Friends. When High School Football Coach and Athletic Director of Bellingham School District Mr. Rex Johnson retired from coaching after 21 years he pinpointed Rollie as the "hardest and surest tackler he had ever coached, all 5'6 and 135lbs of him". He had a strength/fierceness about him that was unmeasurable and even though he was of small stature those around him knew and felt he was always larger than life. He had a quiet and witty sense of humor that we all loved, and a sweetness about him that was contagious, even in his final days. We all loved him dearly and will miss him for the rest of our days.

We will be holding a Memorial for him at the Cascade High School Gymnasium on Saturday 03/26/2022 at 1:30PM in which all are invited. We will also be hosting a reception after. To RSVP and for all other inquires please email rolliewmemorial@gmail.com – in lieu of flowers or gifts we ask that you please make a donation to your favorite School in his honor.

**Virginia "Ginny" Figenbaum
1947–2022**

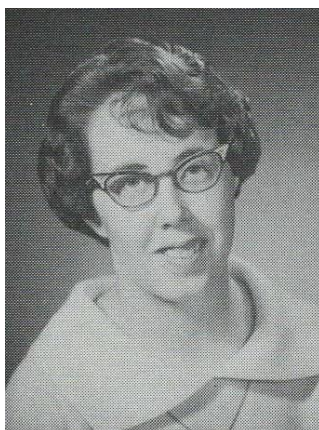
November 14, 1947 - January 22, 2022
Bellingham, Washington - Virginia "Ginny" Figenbaum passed away from Alzheimer's disease at Silverado Memory Care Center, just three days after her brother, Robert Figenbaum.



Virginia "Ginny" was born on November 14, 1947. She went to Heaven on January 22, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mervin Figenbaum and Jessie Slotemaker Figenbaum; brother, Bob Figenbaum, and her brother-in-law, Paulino Estrada. She is survived by her sister, Georgiann Figenbaum Lakey; nephews; Jon, Markus and Jamison; and nieces; Diann and Emma.

Ginny graduated as an honors student from Bellingham High School, University of Washington, and later Western Washington University. She was a computer programmer in Beaverton, Oregon before retiring to Bellingham to be closer to her family. Ginny enjoyed travelling, music, speed walking, Bible study with her friends, and was a member of Hope in Christ Church

A Memorial Service to celebrate Bob and Ginny's wonderful lives will be held at Hope in Christ Church, 710 E. Sunset Dr. in Bellingham on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 10:30AM. Pastor Scott Roberts from Hope in Christ Church and Pastor Michael Martin from Immanuel Bible Church will be co-officiating the service. Masks will be required. You may share memories at www.westfordfuneralhome.com.



**Phyllis Lee Caillier Byrd
1946-2022**

March 31, 1946 - May 16, 2022
Custer, Washington - Phyllis (Lee) Caillier was born in Renton Washington. Her parents Hubert and Muriel (Anna) were proud to bring another girl into their family of three boys and one girl making the family of five kids, not to stop there, she had a sister and brother to follow in later years. Lee loved to reminisce about what her and her siblings would do on their days of free time. Lee would ride her bike with her siblings Gary,

Ovide, George, Kate, David and Vivian for many miles around the city & country, while her parents Hubert, was running his car wash and Anna was at home making fabulous meals for the family. Graduating from Bellingham High, WA in 1965.

She married the love of her life Larry in 1969 in Laurel WA. She was a stay at home mom raising four wonderful children, Tara, Tammy, Jim, Jerry and bonus daughter Christine. During those years she became a great crafter, seamstress and artist. She was always working on something with Larry's help, together they could create whatever came to their mind, even without duct tape. She spent her downtime fishing, camping, crabbing, hanging out with family and friends.

Her family grew to have a total of 7 grandchildren, Jon, Kaylyn, Amy, Michael, Todd, Megan, Kassandra. Her grandchildren were definitely the twinkle in her eyes even more stars in her eyes with great grandchildren, Jon, Kinley, Zach, Baker, Addison, Kaylee, Ares. Lee had many friends and family and she touched in each one in a special way.

Surviving her, husband Larry of 53 years, daughter Tara and Randy, daughter Tammy, son Jim and Denise, son Jerry, daughter Christine and Jason. Preceded by her, parents Hubert and Anna, Brothers Gary and Ovide, nephews, Scott, Gary, Gene, Rick, nieces, Gail, Sissy(Joni), Son-in-law Jon. Lee requested no services at this time. She wants her family and friends to have a celebration of her life with a big barbecue and potluck, with everyone bringing their favorite potluck item. Arrangements for this at a later time. FLY HIGH lil "BIRD"- we all love you!

**Lynn Marie Rogers Biery
1947-2022**

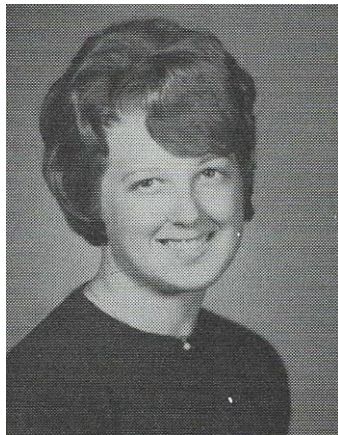
Lynn (Rogers) Biery passed away 12 March 2022 in Des Moines, Washington. She was born 25 July 1947 and was a 1965 graduate of Bellingham High School. Lynn spent her early adult years as a homemaker and then served as an instructional paraprofessional in the Highline School District working at the elementary level in grades K-6.



Lynn and her husband enjoyed traveling and took great delight in their numerous trips throughout North America (including every state except Alaska), Central America and Europe. She also loved to garden and hike and was active in her church.

She leaves to survive her husband Alan Biery, her children Kenneth and Coleen, and her three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held June 25, 2022.



**Nancy Lee Miller Deaver
1947-2021**

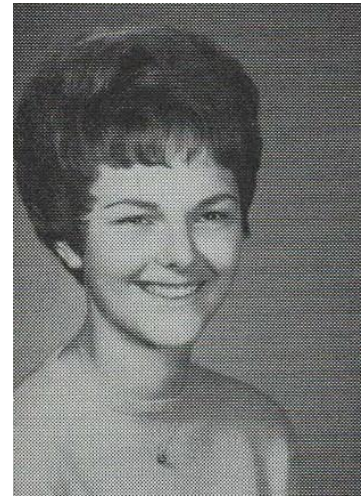
Nancy Deaver passed away in Arizona on November 30, 2021. She was born June 16, 1947, the eldest child of Lee and Chick Miller. She was a 1965 graduate of Bellingham High School and a 1969 graduate of Washington State University where she majored in sociology.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Jerry, and her sister Cynthia. She leaves to survive her husband, Dave, her two daughters, Jenifer Joyce and Melisa Deaver, and a grandson Jackson Joyce. A memorial service was held in Arizona.

**Kathryn Weisenburger Huffman
1947-2022**

August 31, 1947 - July 3, 2022, Aiken, South Carolina - Kathi was born in Santa Ana, CA. She moved with her parents to Bellingham, WA as a young child and was raised on Victor Street in the Eldridge Neighborhood. She attended Roeder Elementary School, Shuksan Middle School, and graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965. Kathi received her Bachelor of Science Degree from City University of Seattle.

Kathi worked at Intalco for 16 years in accounting and purchasing. After moving to Long Beach, CA, she was employed by Excellon Automation for 6 years and was eventually to become their materials manager. She then joined Nortel in Raleigh, NC in 1999. After retiring she moved with her husband to Tucson, AZ, then onto Bellingham, WA, and eventually to Aiken, SC. Kathi loved to travel in their motor home. She was crazy about her dogs who she referred to as her kids.



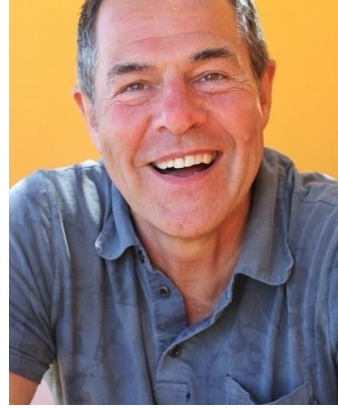
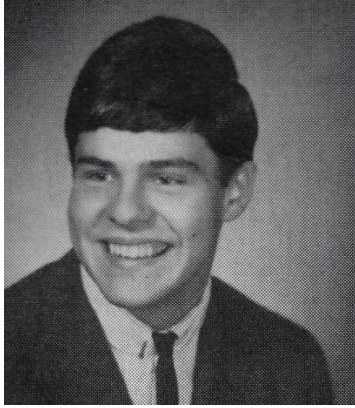
Kathi had a big personality and was great fun. She loved to cook and was a fabulous entertainer. She was extremely generous, fiercely loyal and will be missed by family and friends. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Bruce Huffman. Brothers, Jim Weisenburger and wife, Diana, Fred Weisenburger and wife, Diane, and Carl Weisenburger.



**Marvette Tanya Nelson Gwinner
1947-2022**

October 17, 1947 - September 13, 2022, Bellingham, Washington - Marvette Tanya Gwinner, 74, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on September 13, 2022, surrounded by family. Marvette was born on October 17, 1947, in Bellingham, WA to Marvin and Margaret Nelson. She was raised in Bellingham and graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965. She later attended Western Washington University. Marvette married the love of her life on October 7th, 1977. Marvette enjoyed her time

going to church, knitting, spending time at Waldron Island, and spending time with family. She worked for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Department for 31 years as their accountant, retiring in 2011. She is preceded in death by her father and mother Marvin and Margaret Nelson, and her sister Marcia Robinson. She is survived by her husband Duane, daughters Joliene (Greg) Egger, Melissa (Mike) Warhola, son Tom (Shannon) Gwinner, her five grandchildren Megan, Cassidy, Trevin, Kylee, Jordyn, and great granddaughter Aleeah, sister Margo (Paul) Walters, brother Marv (Adrienne) Nelson, her loving cat Kitty, and numerous other nieces and nephews. Marvette will be greatly missed and never forgotten by her family and friends. Service will be held at New Life Fellowship, 810 E Pole Road, Lynden, WA , 98264, on Thursday September 22nd, 2022 at 11:00am. Family graveside to follow at 2:00pm, Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Drive, Ferndale, WA, 98248.



**Steven Allen Gordon
1947-2022**

February 20, 1947 - May 26, 2022
Seattle, Washington - It is with sadness that we announce the death of Steven Allen Gordon, of Seattle, age 75, on May 26, 2022. He is survived by his sister, Anne Gordon, of Bellingham, WA. Steve was born in Northampton, MA on February 20, 1947, to parents Thomas Parke Gordon and Gertrude S. Gordon. Steve was the middle child of two siblings, Parke and Anne. The family left Massachusetts for Bellingham,

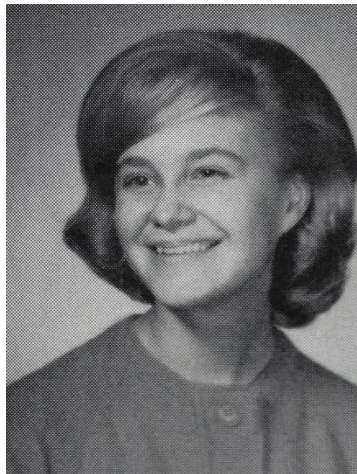
WA in 1952, before moving to Wenatchee from 1959-1962. The family moved back to Bellingham, where Steve graduated high school, class of 1965.

Steve attended Western Washington University, during & after which, he worked on the New Moon fishing boat, where he served as fisherman and crew chef. Cooking and entertaining were Steve's passions, so upon his return to Wenatchee in the mid-70s, he opened Rivers-Haven restaurant, followed by Steven's, both of which offered fine dining to its patrons. Steve moved to Seattle in the mid-90s, and began a successful catering business, delivering elaborate parties to a list of who's-who of Seattle, local celebrities to corporate CEOs.

In addition to cooking and entertaining, Steve loved to travel, and had friends spanning the globe. Steve was excellent in his craft, creating connections with those around him through his food & gregarious personality. He will be greatly missed by the countless friends he made through a full, well-lived life. In remembrance of our friend, a memorial celebration is being held at the Seattle Yacht Club, Sunday Sept 18, 2-5pm.

**Janice Ann Gloppen Dunnigan
1947-2022**

October 31, 2022 Mount Vernon , Washington - Janice Ann (Gloppen) Dunnigan age 74, passed away on October 31, 2022, in Mount Vernon, WA. Janice was born on November 21, 1947 to Leo and Mary Gloppen. Janice grew up in Bellingham, WA and graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965. Janice enjoyed ballet and spending time with her cousins and extended family. Janice met the love of her life, Michael Dunnigan, during her high school years. Janice married Michael in 1969 and had one child, Kimberly. After living in Lynnwood and Bellingham, they moved to Mount Vernon in 1972, where they made their home for the next 50 years.



Janice was an amazing devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother. Family was the focus of her life. Janice is known for her kindness, welcoming spirit and beautiful smile that warmed any room. She provided comfort and solace while asking for little in return. Janice worked in retail sales until her early 60's. After retirement, Janice spent time doing the things she loved. She enjoyed gardening, camping, fly fishing with her husband, golf and traveling to Utah to spend time with her beloved grandchildren. Janice loved the holidays with her family.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Mary Gloppen. Janice is survived by her

husband, Michael Dunnigan. By her daughter and son in-law, Kimberly and Dean Anderson. And her two grandchildren, Hailey and Emily Ryann Anderson.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception Church located at 400 N. 15th Street, Mount Vernon, WA on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 12:15pm, followed by a graveside and reception at Hawthorne Funeral Home and Memorial Park located at 1825 East College Way, Mount Vernon, WA. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hospice of the Northwest, 227 Freeway Dr, Suite A, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 or Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need, P.O. Box 394, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-0394 Please share your thoughts and memories of Janice and sign the online guest register at www.hawthornefh.com. Arrangements are under the care of Hawthorne Funeral Home, Mount Vernon, WA



Milton Joe Anderson
1946-2022

May 9, 1946 — November 18, 2022

Lynnwood

Milton "Joe" Anderson 76 - Joe Anderson left this world on November 20th. He was a lifetime resident of Whatcom County. Joe died as a result of a massive stroke. Joe grew up on Bellingham's South side at 20th Street and Douglas. He was a graduate of Bellingham High School. After graduation he was drafted into the Army and served in Korea until his honorable discharge.

During his time in the Army Joe married his first wife Mary who gave him his sons Bob and Don. Joe later married Darlene and he helped to raise her children Teresa and Donny until their divorce.

As a young adult Joe began building and racing stock cars at Skagit Speedway where he partnered with friends Doc and later Britt to field cars there for several seasons.

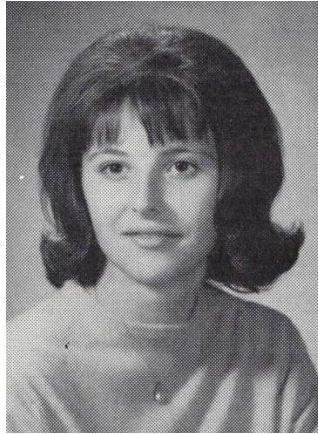
It was clear at an early age that he had a gift for all things mechanical. From his youth there was little doubt that Joe would choose auto mechanics as his trade. Joe worked as a mechanic at Wholesale Auto Wrecking and Diehl Ford among others. He also owned and operated his own shops at several locations. It was a common occurrence for small repairs to be free to his customers and sometimes larger repairs for those in need. No matter how busy his schedule was he would make time to chat with his clients, friends and relatives that would stop by.

Joe will be missed by his surviving brothers Al "Andy" Anderson of Bellingham and Duane Anderson and wife Maria of Mission BC. Joe's dear friend Lori Street was vital to Joe's ability to remain independent in his later years. Joe would often refer to her as his "daughter".

The family would like to thank Lori for her faithful support and help she provided to Joe. Our family would also like to give thanks to the staff at the St Francis nursing home in Bellingham for their extended care of Joe in his last days.

Joe is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Eva as well as sisters, Jeanne and Mary.

No service is planned. Burial will be at the Hopewell cemetery.



**Laurie Sue Hendrix McMurry
1947-2023**

June 18, 1947 - January 18, 2023 Kirkland, Washington - Laurie McMurry passed away on January 18, 2023. She was born to Hugh and Ermine (Blodgett) Hendrix on June 18, 1947 in Bellingham, Washington and graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965. On May 16, 1969, she married Alan McMurry. Laurie lived in Bellingham until 2011 when she and Alan moved to Kirkland, Washington to be closer to their children and grandchildren. She worked at the Fountain Veterinary Hospital in a variety of roles for 20 years.

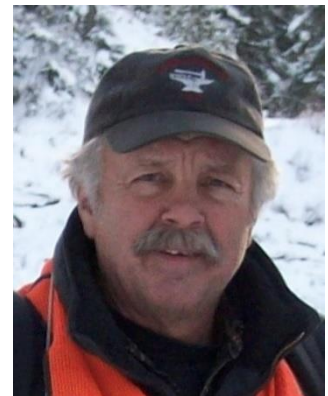
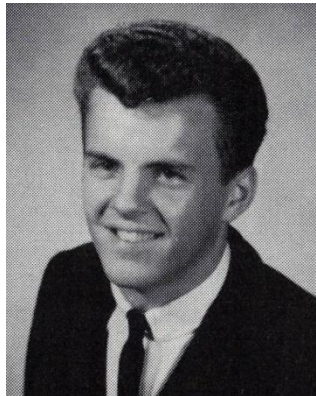
She was preceded in death by her parents. Laurie is survived by her husband, Alan, her children, Allison (Howard) Wright, Nicholas (Gretchen) McMurry, grandchildren, Everleigh and Maddox McMurry, Ewan and Arlo Wright and her sisters; Karen Hendrix, Melanie Blatman and Sandy Butters.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to Seattle Children's Hospital.

**James Edwin Elvig, D.C.
1946-2023**

**September 29, 1946 — February 3, 2023
Twisp**

Jim Elvig was born September 29, 1946, the elder of fraternal twin boys, to Ken and Margaret Elvig in Bellingham Washington. Jim and his twin John joined older brother Paul and they were followed six years later by brother Dan. The family was poor in worldly means but rich in love and integrity. He always considered himself blessed to be raised by earnest Christian parents. Even though he joked about making up outlandish excuses why he couldn't go to church any particular Sunday, he was secretly proud of having a perfect Sunday school attendance record, evidenced by a long row of award bars pinned to his Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes.



He grew up as a typical mischievous boy, spending hundreds of hours in Whatcom Falls Park, just down the street from home. He, his brothers and his friends tormented the neighborhood with various antics. One day Jim and John chopped down a tree which fell on the power line and cut off electricity to the homes in the area. Another time he and a friend ignited gun powder in the street to scare an inebriated neighbor as he walked by – it worked. In spite of this youthful lapse of judgment, he was intelligent as well as creative, inquisitive and motivated, displaying an interest early on in all things mechanical. He took apart and rebuilt several car engines and taught himself how to repair just about anything. He became interested in firearms and hunting in his teens. He attended Bellingham High School graduating with the class of 1965.

Jim attended Skagit Valley College and enrolled in ROTC in an effort to avoid being drafted. He was drafted anyway and served in Vietnam and the DMZ in Korea. He became an excellent marksman. Jim said he wouldn't repeat the military experience for \$1M, but neither would he trade the experience for \$1M. Upon discharge from the Army Jim's older brother Paul secured employment for him with Moles Funeral Home in Bellingham and he worked for them for several years. He married Linda Haferkorn in 1969 and their son Jason was born in 1972. By this time he was working for ARCO refinery in Ferndale. But having injured his back while an employee of Moles and receiving relief for his pain under chiropractic care, Jim became interested in becoming a chiropractor himself. He took a leap of faith, quit his good job at the refinery and went to Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 1977.

In 1978 Jim opened his own practice back in Bellingham and became a very successful chiropractor, ultimately treating over 10,000 individuals in a twenty-year period. He prayed every day that God would use him to help people. He believed in treating his patients not only with excellent care clinically, but also with respect and dignity. He truly cared about them all as individuals. Jim was proud of the professional relationships he formed with many medical doctors who had come to trust him. Jim readily made friends everywhere he went and he was very pleased to make a number of friends through his practice. Some remain to this day, particularly Gary and Terry Cox who are more family than friends.

In the early 80's Jim was introduced to horse packing by Lindy Scrimsher, a patient who had become a friend. Jim dove into it with passion. He had a number of horses during his time as a backcountry packer and hunter and spent literally hundreds of hours on horseback, on foot and around the campfires in the wilderness enjoying the beautiful gift of God's creation. Any trip's success was defined by the amount of laughter and a safe return rather than if an animal had been bagged.

Jim also enjoyed fishing all his life. He spent many hours on the Nooksack River being mentored by and fishing with his father-in-law Bob Haferkorn. In the mid 1980's he bought his first big fishing boat and began fishing more often on bigger waters including in Canada. The inevitable occurred with the successive purchases of larger boats. But the result was that the fun and the catches were larger as well and the freezer was filled nearly every season with a bounty of salmon, halibut and crab.

In December of 1983 he met Nancy Patten on a blind date at the home of Len and Karen LaHatt, patients who had become friends. Though he initially balked at the idea of meeting a woman in this manner, it turned out they were both smitten. They married in 1986 and enjoyed 36 years together. There were lots of visits with Nancy's family and Jim forged a strong bond with her step-father Dick who was equally as inquisitive as Jim was. Aside from the daily running of the practice, there were the many activities - skiing, horseback trips into the wilderness, camping trips, hunting trips, fishing trips, most of them with Jason in tow. Never has a man loved, believed in and supported his son with more fervor than Jim did and Jason respected his Dad tremendously. The days and nights spent in the tent, around the campfire or on the deck of the boat were valuable times of training for Jason and bonding for the two of them.

In 1998 Jim decided it was time to retire from his chiropractic practice. He and Nancy moved to Twisp Washington where they have lived ever since. He created the workshop of his dreams there. Always seeking out new challenges, Jim dove into gold-prospecting, building log furniture, metalworking, creating Damascus steel knives and any and all projects needing attention on the property. Rebuild a bridge? No problem. Bust out the roof and build dormers? Got it done. Take up the Banjo? Sure, and not only that but build your own Gourd Banjo to boot. All of it was done with boundless enthusiasm and a sense of adventure. He loved learning and trying new things.

Jim's deep love for God's creation and animals eventually quashed his interest in hunting. He would accompany Jason on hunting expeditions but he hadn't shot anything in years. He took joy in living amongst the wildlife in Twisp but he especially loved his dogs. "Ladd" the last Golden Retriever, or "Laddie" as he was called, had stolen Jim's heart. Laddie was a rescue dog but it turned out Laddie rescued the Elvigs.

In January of 2015 Jim's beloved son and only child Jason, died at home in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Had God not made Jim into such a strong and determined individual, he would have died of a broken heart. Always turning to God through His Son Jesus Christ, Jim was able to rise above many difficult

experiences in his life, including this one. He had absolute assurance that Jason was safe with God and that he would be with him again one day. Now they *are* together again. Soon and very soon, we are all going to see the King.

One of the greatest joys in Jim's life was witnessing his son Jason watch his own son Jake being born. There had been a long period of separation for Jim and Nancy between them and Jake but that came to an end on December 1, 2022 when they were reunited. It was pure joy and love, a great gift to all involved.

During the inevitable aging process of the last few years, Jim chose to simplify his life. Fishing trips continued, but in general the pace of life slowed. The woodstove got swapped out for propane – no more wood-hauling or chimney-cleaning. The workshop projects became less grandiose. He willingly gave up the Winter trips to Arizona while Nancy's mother aged into her late 90's and they stayed close by to assist her. He never liked to use the word "comfortable" to describe his life, he equated that with "boring." Life was quiet but full.

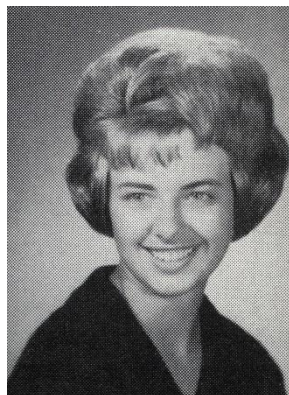
Jim treasured the upbringing he had in the home of parents who loved God and enthusiastically worshiped and served Him. He had a tender heart and was quick to forgive as well as quick to apologize. He will always be remembered for his compassion and kindness. As the years went by he loved the Lord all the more and clearly recognized the Sovereign, loving hand of God in his life. He had begun asking God for more boldness in sharing with others the message of God's forgiveness and goodness and peace; it was a prayer God answered as Jim lived out his faith more and more openly all the time. He and Nancy never experienced their life with God as religion but as another grand adventure; one full of love and joy and peace.

The final trip to Wickenburg Arizona was to be another gold-prospecting and desert-exploring adventure. On February 3rd, while on a group ride on ATV's, Jim lost control of the handlebars, was thrown from the vehicle and it landed on him. He was airlifted out of the desert about an hour later and made it to Banner Thunderbird Trauma Center in Phoenix but died in surgery. It's difficult to believe a man as tough and determined as Jim could not survive his injuries. But surely, in that tiny instant between life here on earth which he loved and lived with such enthusiasm, and eternal life with God which he had always looked forward to, the willingness to step forward into the Light of God's presence must have come easily once he saw the glory of Jesus' face calling him home.

Jim was predeceased by both his parents Ken and Margaret Elvig, his older brother Paul, his twin brother John and his son Jason. He is survived by his wife Nancy, his grandson Jake, his younger brother Dan, sister-in-law LaDonna and numerous other relatives.

* If you wish to make a memorial contribution in Jim's name the family requests you support the Paws4Vets program of the Paws4People organization in Wilmington, NC at paws4people.org and reference Paws4Vets and Jim's name in the comment/note section.

Dianne Kay McGinnis Ross
1947-2023



Dianne Kay Ross
June 10, 1947 - April 18, 2023
Bellingham, Washington - Our beloved mother, wife, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, niece, aunt and friend, Dianne Ross (McGinnis) passed away April 18, 2023 at the age of 75 after the most courageous battle with breast cancer. Surrounded by her loving family who will continue to honour her legacy by living their lives to the fullest and loving with all of their hearts.

Dianne was born June 10, 1947 in Bellingham Washington; she graduated from Bellingham High School class of 1965. Soon after graduation she married Nick Lemperes and had two children, Rick and Wendy. Dianne lived briefly in Chico and Sacramento California until she married the love of her life Carman Ross and moved to British Columbia Canada. She and Carman loved being in Mesa Arizona, Mexico and their Sudden Valley home. Her love of family was always her priority and if you ask any of her grandkids about their fondest memories of childhood it would be intertwined with tales of boating, golf cart rides and cookies. The simplest things brought Dianne the greatest pleasure. Her kindness and compassion was contagious and spread to all that knew and loved her. Brave and courageous doesn't begin to define her final year. She made the best of a bad deal and taught us all to always find the silver linings - no matter how small.

She is forever loved and missed by her husband Carman Ross, children; Rick (Shannon), Wendy (David); two stepdaughters Keri (Peter) and Lori. Dianne adored her 9 grandchildren and one great granddaughter they will always miss her encouragement and love. Remembered forever by her sisters Jodi (Mike) and Patti (Mike) her Auntie Barb, many special cousins, nieces and nephews and of course her "sister friends" Cherrie and Gunilla. She was blessed all her life with beautiful friendships and treasured them all. Predeceased by her parents Ted and Audrey McGinnis and older sister Nancy Petersen.

A celebration of her beautiful life will be held at a later date. ~Her wings were ready, our hearts were not.~

Randy Simpson 1947-2023

October 31, 1947 - August 22, 2023

Ferndale, Washington - Randy Logan Simpson, a beloved soul who graced this world with his presence for 75 years, was welcomed into the loving arms of Jesus on August 22, 2023. Born on Halloween day, October 31, 1947, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Randy brought a unique light to the lives of all who knew him with his loving, goofy, and funny nature. A clown at heart, Randy was always ready to bring smiles and laughter to those around him. His curiosity was insatiable, and he approached life with a remarkably positive attitude, finding joy in the simplest of things. Randy's persistence was matched only by his sentimentality; he held onto memories and moments that touched his heart, creating a tapestry of cherished experiences for those he loved and who loved him.



Known for his enthusiastic spirit, Randy's thoughtfulness extended to everyone he met. With the emergence of YouTube, he was thrilled to rediscover (and share with anyone who was near) old videos of Red Skelton, the Gaither Vocal Band, and lesser known historical facts. He was always eager to learn and explore new things. He was a well-known lover of Coca-Cola, having spent 15 years working for the company as a service manager and expanding his vast network of acquaintances in the process. He loved to putter in the yard, and he found solace and contentment in nurturing the beauty around him and sharing it with family and friends. He loved classic cars and had a sweet tooth that knew no bounds-his love for sponge candy, raisin pie and red licorice was a testament to his unabashed enjoyment of life's simple pleasures.

On December 26, 1992, Randy embarked on a new adventure that changed the course of his life when he married his eternal love and soulmate, Janet Simpson in Lynden, WA. Their incredible union created a huge, extensive family, and their love was a beacon of warmth and companionship that lit up the lives of this family and those around them for over three decades.

Randy's legacy lives on through his beloved wife Janet, sister Patricia (Lynn) Sires, his 7 children, David Simpson, Dean Simpson (Karrin), Lewis Seutz, Don Seutz/Sonia Seutz, Brian Seutz (Laura), Craig Seutz, and Kevin Seutz (Belinda). He was a proud grandfather to Brandon Vavra (Holly), Brad Vavra (Kay), Jordan Simpson (Jayme), Ty Haan (Hannah), Kylee Simpson, Keeley DeWeber (Jay), Taylor Simpson (Marissa), Marco Nunez, Brandon Seutz (Kasey), Austin Haan (Ashley), Mary Washkow (Andrew), Clara Seutz, Landon Seutz, and great-grandfather to 14. Randy's impact reverberated throughout his extensive

family network, touching the lives of numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends who cherished his presence.

Randy will be joyfully re-connected with those who preceded him in death: his father, David H. Simpson; mother, Mary Presentin (Simpson); stepfather, Bob Presentin; brother, David W. Simpson; mother-in-law, Alice Kamppila; brother-in-law, Paul Sires; uncle, Don Sires; and niece, Riann Simpson.

A celebration of Randy's life will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 2pm at New Song Church, 4600 Guide Meridian Rd, Bellingham, WA 98226. Graveside/Inurnment service will precede this on September 1, 2023, 2pm at Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Dr, Ferndale, WA 98248, with a public viewing on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at Moles Farewell Tributes- Bayview Chapel, 2465 Lakeway Dr, Bellingham, WA, from 4pm-7pm. All are welcome to join the family in saying goodbye. In lieu of flowers and donations and to honor Randy's memory, please commit to what he most cherished- spending more time with your family and friends and to be kind to those God has placed around you.