



Darlene Marie Smith

August 7, 1932 - December 6, 2020

Darlene Smith, 88, a longtime resident of Ephrata, Washington, passed away peacefully in Yakima on Sunday, December 6, 2020. Darlene was born on August 7, 1932 in Yakima, Washington, to John and Heidi Kiernan. She graduated from St. Joseph Academy (Yakima) and attended Seattle University for one year. Darlene married Jack Smith in 1952 and they had three children: Cathy, Gary, and Teresa.

Darlene started her career at the Grant County PUD in the early 50's and retired in 1986. She is remembered as an excellent employee, as well as a role model for successfully managing career and children.

Darlene was generous and kind-hearted, a skilled Yahtzee queen, and a great cook who welcomed many to her home. Darlene is survived by her three children, daughter-in-law Sherrie Smith, four grandchildren: Brianne Connolly, Caitlin Randles and grandson-in-law Shaune Randles, Mark Kraft and granddaughter-in-law Bethany Kraft, Jenna Barron and grandson-in-law Nick Barron. She had six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jack, son-in-law James Connolly, and her sister Elizabeth.

Darlene will be buried in Ephrata at a later date and a memorial service will be announced at that time. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the St. Rose of Lima School scholarship fund (by check with a return address), 520 Nat Washington Way, Ephrata, WA 98823.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at <http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com>. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata.

Comments



“ Worked at PUD with Darlene, and was always impressed by her knowledge and kindness. She will be missed.

Ken Lee



Ken Lee - December 22, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Kathy, Gary and Teresa.
I just learned of your Mother's passing. I worked with her at the PUD for many years and she always had a smile for everyone. She was a lovely and gracious women who deeply loved her children and was so proud of each one of you.

Linda Endicott

linda endicott - December 19, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ Darlene was a wonderful woman, so generous with her time and experiences. Very important part of my life before I moved to Chelan and Wenatchee. She will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. Renae and Don Lau



Renae Lau - December 18, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ I worked with Darlene at the PUD. She was one of the most wonderful person I'd ever know. I knew I could always go to Darlene for advice and mentoring. She was a blessing to many people. I'm sure God welcomed her home with loving open arms. Condolences to family and friends.

Patty Beal-Langfitt - December 18, 2020 at 08:18 PM