



## Shirley Ann Johnson

February 18, 1947 - January 29, 2020

Shirley Ann Johnson, 72, of Ephrata Washington, passed away , Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at her home.

Shirley was born in Leavenworth, Washington on February 18, 1947, and grew up in Leavenworth and Cashmere, Washington. She was the daughter of Fred and Minnie (DePew) Pipkin.

She was a graduate of Cashmere High School and attended college at Somerton, Arizona, a branch of The University of Arizona at Yuma.

In April of 1969 Shirley married Leston James Johnson in Cashmere. They lived there for awhile before moving to Ephrata.

Shirley was employed at the Grant County Sheriff's Correctional Facility as a cook for many years. She took early retirement to care for her then ill husband.

Having many hobbies, Shirley enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, camping, and also quilting, knitting and crochet. She was a lifetime member of The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

and was very active in that organization.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her brother, Steve Pipkin, Newman Lake, WA.; nephew, Donnie Moore, Dale, Arkansas; her cousin, June Penfield, Soap Lake, WA.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at The Ephrata City Cemetery, 333 E ST SW in Ephrata, WA. On Friday, February 7, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at

[www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Washington.

# Events

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**FEB** **Graveside** 11:00AM

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Ephrata City Cemetery  
333 E St. S.W., Ephrata, WA, US

# Comments

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“ For Shirley's Family,

All of us here at Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation were so very sorry to hear that Shirley has passed away.....she fought her battle with so much courage and determination! I met her when she stopped in our office last March, then enjoyed many phone conversations with her. It was obvious how much she loved her family, farm, & animals. I always admired her practical, down-to-earth outlook on things. I hope it is some comfort to you that Shirley is at peace now, & doesn't have to struggle or suffer anymore. I know you all miss her very much! We are keeping you in our thoughts & prayers!

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“ I don't know why this memory has always stuck with me (maybe I was just a fatty) none of the siblings remembered. I remember going to visit my Grandpa whom lived directly across the street. At the time I didn't realize that my Pa, Les and Shirly were such good friends. Anyways never failed Les and Gma Shirley always brought us kiddos Arbys curly fries. That is my first memory of Shirly. Just before my Grandfather passed away he told Gma Shirley that he was leaving her his most prized possessions... When asked what that was.. He answered "My Grandchildren." The past few years have definitely been a rollercoaster for me personally but I knew that if life got too hard or I needed a distraction from my beautiful chaotic life Shirly would give me that... Whether it be a sometimes hard to believe but probably true story, cleaning chicken coops or wrestling HUGE turkeys. We knew she was always there with an open door and an open heart.. That is why I'm honored to be ur Granddaughter. Grandma thank you for being exactly who you were.. Give my Grandpa loves for us. we miss you so much already... As always!  
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