



Delana Sue Zimbelman

November 17, 1957 - November 4, 2013

Delana "Sue" Zimbelman, 55, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away peacefully surrounded

by loved ones on Monday, Nov. 4, 2013 in Spokane, Wash.

She was born Nov. 17, 1957 to Tom Gray and Betty Gray in Brawley, Calif. In Sue's early years she moved to Quincy, Wash. where later she would start her own family. She then moved to Soap Lake where she met and later married William "Bill" Zimbelman. They finally settled in Ephrata where they would establish their family ranch and raise their children.

Sue fulfilled her passion of becoming a cosmetologist. Fierce and independent, she managed her own barbershop where she established loyal customers who grew to be lifelong friends. Always the mother, the next phase was even more fulfilling becoming a grandmother. Known as Nana, she never missed the chance to spoil her grandchildren. It was very typical for Nana to introduce all the "firsts": first cereal, first sippy cup, first underwear, and of course, the first cowboy boots.

Sue is survived by her husband William Zimbelman of Ephrata; parents Betty Littrell of Quincy and Tom and DeDe Gray of Ephrata; daughter Shannon and Stephen Dyer (Kelly, DJ, and Mia) of Kennewick, Wash.; daughter Shonna and Ernie Allen (Joseph and William) of Aubrey, Texas; daughter Brandi and Aaron Wagner (Trenton, Nathan, and Natalie) of Mount Vernon, Wash.; daughter Mariah Blackburn (Wyatt, Shelby, and Harlee) of Ephrata; and son Paul and Natasha Bennett (Ryan) of Walla Walla, Wash. Sue is also survived

by her brothers Bob, Joe, Russell and her sister Carla in addition to numerous official and unofficial nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at the Ephrata Cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 at 1 p.m. A celebration of Sue's life for family and friends will follow.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family and view the online tribute video at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wash.

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Delana Sue Zimbelman*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - November 07, 2013 at 05:36 PM

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“ *Mariah and family, we send our deepest sympathy at the loss of your mother. We always enjoyed our visits with your mom when she would take a break from her work at the shop, sitting on the bench outside and enjoying the sunshine. It was a privilege to know this wonderful lady. We are remembering her family in our prayers.*
Sincerely,
Eileen and Burr

Burr and Eileen Beckwith - November 10, 2013 at 06:29 PM

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Stephania Masters - November 09, 2013 at 03:08 PM

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Mom loved that purse, I was finally able to talk her into buying a new one. She used it once and out came her old one. She liked to be stubborn and hard headed, and tended to do things her way kinda like out with the new and in with the old!! Love you mom!! Foreve & Eve <3

Mariah Blackburn - November 12, 2013 at 11:35 AM

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“ Watching the tribute video brought back memories of the times that I had with my cousins as we were growing up. Even though we grew up thirteen hundred miles apart, the distance did not stop our love for each other. I especially looked forward to Christmas when Aunt Betty and Uncle Tommy would bring the whole clan to Grandma and Grandpa's house. I couldn't wait to see my cousins, and since Sue was 'older' than Carla and I, she would drive us around town, take us to the Brawley Drive-In and be the best friend I could have. Sue was a real 'looker' and I remember the boys whistling at her as we walked down the street. I would think, "Wow, I really can't wait until the boys whistle at me too!". Needless to say, I looked up to my cousin. She was beautiful, generous, kind and loving and I can still hear her laughter.

I know that Mom (Aunt June) was waiting with open arms to meet you on the other side.

I Love You Always. Affectionately known as 'Little Reed', your cousin, Stephania Lynne Reed Masters.

Stephania Masters - November 09, 2013 at 02:46 PM