



## Donna Marie Leighter

May 22, 1942 - February 10, 2025

Donna Marie Leighter, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2025, in Palm Springs, California.

Born on May 22, 1942, in Minnesota to Willard and Evelyn Brandenburg, Donna was raised and educated in the Spokane Valley. She dedicated 34 years of her life to teaching elementary school, leaving a lasting impact on countless students before retiring.

Donna found joy in gardening, sewing, and reading. She had a love for travel and cherished every adventure shared with her devoted companion of 30 years, Hap Weidner. A woman of faith, she was an active member of Living Word Lutheran Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her beloved son, Brad. She is survived by her daughter, Brandy Leighter; her grandson, Josh Leighter; her sisters, Sharon Hester and Billie Middleton; and numerous nieces and nephews who will forever hold her memory dear.

A graveside service will be held at Ephrata Cemetery on Thursday, February 20, 2025. A memorial service celebrating her life will take place in May at Living Word Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home, Ephrata, Washington.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in May at her home church, Living Word Lutheran Church in Moses Lake, WA.

# Cemetery Details

## Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 1:00 PM (PT)

Living Word Lutheran Church  
2609 W Broadway  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Karin lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie Leighter*



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**Karin** - February 20, 2025 at 09:22 AM

KJ

“ *Donna was a grand lady. A great teacher, helping out with our Vacation Bible School. She had so many things to share about life and her faith. Our thoughts and prayers to Hap, Brandy, and Josh. May Jesus give you His peace and comfort.*

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**Karin & Jerry** - February 20, 2025 at 09:22 AM

SF

“ *My heart goes out to you Brandy, Josh, and Hap. Donna was a wonderful woman. I know you will miss her terribly, but what a glorious day it must have been for her when she was in the arms of Jesus and with all of her beloved ones who have gone before her. My deepest sympathy to you in the days, weeks, and months ahead as you adjust to life without her here.*



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**Sue Franck** - February 18, 2025 at 10:14 PM

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“ *Wendy & Lane lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Leighter*



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**Wendy & Lane** - February 18, 2025 at 11:49 AM