



## Jill Liane Bessett-Gansauge

December 10, 1965 - December 23, 2019

SOAP LAKE - Jill Liane Bessett-Gansauge, age 54, of Soap Lake passed away on Monday, December 23, 2019, after a long illness. She was a graduate of Soap Lake High School and attended Big Bend Community College.

Having many hobbies, Jill was an avid gardener, enjoyed taking the pontoon boats out on Soap Lake with her husband, loved raising numerous dogs over the years, enjoyed fishing and going on long drives to nowhere. Camping with family and friends was particularly fun as she enjoyed the camaraderie.

Playing card games was always a fun time with Jill as she was silly and cheerful and loved to tease. She enjoyed going to yard sales and second-hand stores with her mother and husband. Another in a long list of hobbies of Jill's was jewelry making. She made beautiful earrings, necklaces, and rings and enjoyed the attention to detail that was necessary to make quality jewelry.

Jill worked on ancestry research for many years and relished finding new family members and interesting stories. Photographs line her walls as photography was another of her passions, including taking photographs of the nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews she so cherished. Not having any children of her own, Jill heaped her love and devotion on them all with slumber parties, yard games, and as they got a little older a listening ear. They adore their Aunt Jill.

Jill was born in Santa Maria, California, on December 10, 1965, and grew up in Soap Lake, Washington. She was the daughter of Norman H. and Barbara

A. (Griffith) Bessett, her father having predeceased her in 1999. In May 1988 Jill married her high school sweetheart, Jeffery H. Gansauge, and they continued to reside in the Soap Lake – Ephrata area.

Jill was predeceased in death by her father, Norman H. Bessett. She is survived by her loving husband, Jeff, at the home; her mother, Barbara Bessett, Soap Lake; her six siblings: Jim Bessett, Yakima; Teresa Bessett, Mount Vernon; Anita Evans, Soap Lake; Nanine Locke, Auburn; Donn Cook and her husband, Kim, Soap Lake; Jerry Bessett, Moses Lake. She is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews and 7 greatnieces and great-nephews. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Services will be at Nicoles Funeral Home 157 C ST NW, EPHRATA on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family and view the online tribute video at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (PT)

Nicoles Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Jill Liane Bessett-Gansauge*



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**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - December 31, 2019 at 12:42 PM

SB

*A beautiful tribute to a kind, loving woman. She will be so very missed.*

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**Stacey Bessett** - December 31, 2019 at 03:43 PM

AB

“ *I long to meet you Jilly.*



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**Aves Beck** - February 07 at 12:38 AM

LK

“ Jeff,

*We were so sorry to hear of Jills passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and our hope that you will find peace in your heart soon.*

*Your friends at the vehicle licensing department.*

*Lori & Diane*

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**Lori Kinzel** - January 02, 2020 at 07:01 PM

WD

“ Wendy Dyar lit a candle in memory of Jill  
Liane Bessett-Gansauge



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**Wendy Dyar** - December 31, 2019 at 02:14 PM

RL

“ I am deeply saddened that God needed to take you so soon. You and Jeff have become good friends again. Friends I had in my childhood and was looking forward to enjoying in our later years. Rest in peace my friend. I am reminded of this poem but I had to edit a couple of words to make it fit. This is for Jeff. Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone.

*Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,  
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum  
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.*

*Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead  
Scribbling in the sky the message she is Dead,  
Put crêpe bows round the white necks of the public doves,  
Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves.*

*She was my North, my South, my East and West,  
My working week and my Sunday rest  
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;  
I thought that love would last forever, I was wrong.*

*The stars are not wanted now; put out every one,  
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun.  
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood;  
For nothing now can ever come to any good. Well we're praying for  
everyone who is in mourning. We pray peace and healing to all who  
love Jill. God Bless... The Ledgerwoods.*

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**Robert Ledgerwood** - December 31, 2019 at 01:39 PM

JG

“ I love you Jill,  
You were much more than my wife, you were my life long best friend. We've been through the best of times and the worst of times and we were always there for each other.  
I'm going to miss you terribly, you were taken too soon. You are the bravest person I know, I could never endure what you've been through. I wish I could of taken your pain away , you will always be in my heart forever and I will see you again someday.  
Rest In Peace my sweet angel , free from pain and suffering.  
I will always Love you, good bye for now 🥺👼❤️



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**Jeff Gansauge** - December 30, 2019 at 08:31 PM

JI

“ Joel Irwin lit a candle in memory of Jill Liane Bessett-Gansauge



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**joel irwin** - December 30, 2019 at 06:16 AM

NA

“ Jill, you will always live in our hearts



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**Nanine** - December 29, 2019 at 09:38 PM

NA

“ *Nanine lit a candle in memory of Jill Liane Bessett-Gansauge*



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**Nanine** - December 29, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *Jeff- I'm sorry to hear of this devastating loss! Your in my thoughts and prayers! Jill was such a sweet loving person who touched many lives. Take care!*  
*-Felicia Wall*

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**FeliciaJohn Wall** - December 28, 2019 at 06:02 PM

Donn  
Cook

“ I love you, sister! We've shared years and years of memories and I will cherish every single one. I am grateful that there will be no more pain for you. I'll love and think of you everyday. Christmas was always your favorite time of year so it was apropos that this was your time to leave us. Love always and in all ways, Donn

*"Do not stand at my grave and weep;  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there, I did not die."*

- Mary Elizabeth Frye



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**Donn Cook** - December 28, 2019 at 01:23 PM

AS

“ Jill,  
You are the most courageous woman I know. My heart is broken.  
Love, Nita

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**Anita Evans, sister** - December 27, 2019 at 09:58 PM

CH

“ *My dear family our hearts are broken. Jill was the sweetest and gentlest soul. We will miss you deeply. Rest in Peace dear Angel.*



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**Cath Hammack** - December 27, 2019 at 06:58 PM

DB

“ *Dan Brekhus lit a candle in memory of Jill Liane Bessett-Gansauge*



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**dan brekhus** - December 27, 2019 at 11:05 AM



*You will always be in my Memories and forever in my Heart. Love you Cuz. Vicki Valdez*

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**Vicki Valdez** - January 03, 2020 at 08:57 AM