



Joanne Pitts

August 3, 1933 - November 24, 2013

Longtime friend and resident, Nell “Joanne” Pitts, 80, of Coulee City, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2013 surrounded with love at the Grand Coulee Medical Center.

Born in Childers, OK to late parents Claude A. Sr. and Nina K Stierwalt, Joanne moved to Eastern Washington in 1942. At fifteen she met her future husband, James Pitts, while stranded on the side of the road with a flat tire when he traded her a tire jack for a dance in Wilson Creek. Knowing that they were soul mates, nine months later they pledged to love each other forever and married at the hitching post in Coeur d’Alene, ID. On November 4, 2013 they celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary.

A proud member of the Cherokee Nation, Joanne enjoyed sharing stories about her heritage with her friends and family. Her days were spent teaching her children and grandchildren the importance of making a house a home and family comes first through the everyday way of life she naturally practiced. Joanne was always circled by those she loved and enjoyed teaching them to cook, bake, and nurture those around them. Joanne loved the life she’d created on the farm and caring for her beloved chickens.

Joanne is survived by her loving husband, James Pitts, twin sister Nina Jean Stromen, and brother Jay Stierwalt. Along with her children Randy Pitts, Janet Pate, Jeannie Kane, Angie Ballinger, and their families. Joanne was the kind of grandmother who took every opportunity to tell you just how proud she was of her fourteen grandchildren and soon to be sixteen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Esther Leah, Nyla Jane, Claude A Jr., Leslie Wendell, Charles Oren, Donald Jack, Raymond Carl, and her son James "Jimmy" Pitts.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Grand Coulee Medical Center as well as friends and visitors for showing your love and support to the Pitts family during this time.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Coulee City, Monday December 2, 2013 at 11:00am.

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, WA.

Cemetery Details

Mold Cemetery

Rd 9 Ne
Coulee City, WA 99115

Previous Events

Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church of Coulee City
214 N 4th St
Coulee City, WA 99115

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Joanne Pitts*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *I want the family to know how much I have appreciated how kind and caring Jim and Joanne have been whenever they came in contact with my mother, Mary Pat Brown (and me, too.) So pleasant and friendly. I will be praying for your family at this difficult time.*

Susan (Brown) Leckenby

Susan (Brown) Leckenby - December 06, 2013 at 07:04 PM

PK

“ *Sorry for your loss- Pat, Jennie Kane and Family*

Pat Kane, Jennie Kane - December 04, 2013 at 05:50 PM

PK

“ *Sorry for your loss.
Pat, Sarah, Torin, and Ryan Kane*

Patrick Kane - December 02, 2013 at 04:00 PM

BW

“ I met Jim and Joanne just a few years ago through hunting . I immediately felt connected with her and Jim. She was a special lady. Had no trouble speaking her mind. We had a few nice times together including a new years dinner party in town that my wife and i came over from Tacoma to share with them... Joanne we will miss you. Im sorry for your loss Jim, I know she was your world....

Linda and Bruce Wallin (and molly and candy)

bruce wallin - December 02, 2013 at 09:20 AM

CK

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Carmen Kane - November 30, 2013 at 09:37 PM

MS

“ We are so blessed to have known Joanne. We enjoyed listening to the stories of her heritage and of her life on the farm. Although she suffered with so many physical problems she had a positive and loving spirit about her. She crochet these beautiful Cherokee throws, and I had to have one. I cherish it to this day. Joanne was a treasure. She will be missed.

Marlene Sharp

Marlene Sharp - November 30, 2013 at 02:32 PM

Jessie
Kane

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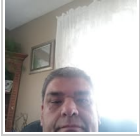


Jessie Kane - November 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

KT

“ *I have many fond memories of Aunt Joanne from when I was little getting to go and stay at the ranch and her letting us go and gather eggs. Learned how to milk a cow and how you have to keep the baby birds warm under the heat lamps. Her laugh I will always remember. One of our last conversations was how she was looking forward to moving off the ranch so she could have a neighbor close by to have coffee with in the mornings.. You will be missed...Thanks for the memories.. Love Karla Jean*

Karla Tucker - November 29, 2013 at 12:00 PM



“ After being neighbors to the Pitts family as our family homesteaded on the farm in the late 1800's as some of our farm land is next to the original Pitts family homestead property. It was an honor and privilege to know Joanne Pitts, as to have such a magnificent and remarkable person to be grown up by such great neighbors. My funnest time and remembrance of Joanne was the smile and class I saw when I saw her and her husband Jim Pitts in the parade in Coulee city wa when they road for senior citizens of the year, I was able to see their true sense of pride.

Daryl Edgemon - November 28, 2013 at 02:19 PM