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Mary Jo Wilkinson was welcomed into the loving home of Jake and Jo Hoff in 1949. She grew up in Murdo, Phillip and Mitchell South Dakota. After graduating from St. Martin's Academy in Rapid City, she went to college in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She earned her Bachelor's Degree. While in Aberdeen, she met Joe Yount, whom she married in 1970. They lived in Europe due to his service to our country. They had four children and later divorced.

In 1979, she married John Wilkinson and had a son. She earned a nursing degree from Big Bend Community College when her son was young. John and her later divorced.

She then went back to college at Central Washington University and earned another degree. After this, she moved around from Florida, California, Nevada and Colorado. While in Florida, she met the man who would be her soulmate, Mark White. They finally settled near her parents in Ephrata. While here, she worked as a private nurse for many elderly patients in the Columbia Basin area. She retired from Walmart after 9 years of service in 2017. She was a generous quilter and blanket maker as each of us got many special quilts that are now treasures.

She is survived by her life partner, Mark, mother Jo Hoff, brother Michael and nephew Tyson of Ephrata, daughters, Jackie Bruce (Greg), Wilcox, AZ,

Michele Deems (Aaron), of Waynesburg, PA, Jody Forrest, of Ephrata, Beth Ries (Jonathan), of Helena, MT, Robert Wilkinson (Danielle) of Gig Harbor, WA, Aunts and Uncles Anne Marie Hullinger of Murdo, SD, Katie Kling, Joe and Florence Hoff of Lemmon, SD, and numerous cousins and friends. Also surviving her are her 13 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her angel son, Michael, her father, Jacob Hoff, Aunt Lil Peters, Uncles Clyde Peters, Bub Walker and Clarence Hullinger and Grandma Francis Hoff and so very many aunts, uncles and cousins in South Dakota whom she loved.

A memorial service will be held February 19, 2019 at the American Legion Hall (276 8th Ave NW, Ephrata, WA 98823) from 11-3. Lunch will be served.

Tribute Wall



“ *My prayers and blessings for this family.*

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