



Rita Bracht Mayrant

August 12, 1931 - January 11, 2019

Rita Bracht Mayrant, 87, of Ephrata, Washington, died peacefully at her home on Friday, January 11, 2019.

Enid Rita Wiseman was

born on August 12, 1931 at Ellensburg, Washington to Oscar and Elizabeth (Vogler) Wiseman.

Rita grew up on a small farm in Springdale, Washington until her mid-teens when she moved to Oakesdale to work as a nanny for a family in the Palouse. She then attended nursing school at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, graduating as a registered nurse.

While attending a dance in Oakesdale, she met her future husband, Clayton Bracht, and they were married in May 1953. In 1956, they moved to Lewiston, Idaho, where Rita worked as an R.N. at St. Joseph's Hospital, as an industrial nurse at Potlatch Forest Inc., and as a public health nurse with the Idaho North Central District, truly loving her service to the people of the Nez Perce Tribe at Lapwai.

Together, Rita and Clayton had five children: Gary, Randy, Bob, Gayle, and an infant son who died shortly after childbirth.

In 1962-63, Rita worked as a registered nurse in Tacoma, then returned to Lewiston until 1968 when she moved with her children to Ephrata.

In 1969, Rita married Neil Mayrant, a deputy with the Grant County Sheriff's Office, and she continued her lifelong love of nursing and caring for others at McKay Hospital in Soap Lake, at Quincy Valley Hospital, and as a school

nurse with the Ephrata School District until her retirement in 1995.

Compassionate, independent, and forever young-at-heart, Nurse Rita loved life, loved people, and loved to travel. She roamed Western byways from Arizona to Alaska.

During her energetic life, she was a wonderful companion, gossip, and wine drinker; a fiercely competitive bowler, a Powder Puff stock car racer, an avid backcountry horse rider and explorer, a crossword puzzle aficionado, and a rodeo fanatic. Las Vegas and the NFR will be a bit dimmer without all her Western bling.

Rita had the neatest cursive handwriting on the planet.

She was a parish nurse with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, a longtime EMT instructor, a classroom reading tutor with Ephrata schools, and a faithful member and officer with the Grant County Cattle Women, Grant County Historical Society, and the Ephrata American Legion Unit 28 Auxiliary.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Genevieve Storer of Colville, Washington; husbands Clayton Bracht and Neil Mayrant; son Baby Boy Bracht and stepson Jimmy Mayrant.

She is survived by her brother, Ted (Sue) Wiseman of Tacoma; sons Gary (Dominique) Bracht and Randy (Joanne) Bracht of Ephrata and Bob (Dana) Bracht of Seattle; daughter Gayle (Tim) Hughes of Snohomish; grandchildren Aaron (Alicia) Bracht, Danielle (Casey) Langley, Jens Bracht, Erik Bracht, Clayton Bracht, Kellie Bracht, Austin Hughes, Max Hughes; great-grandsons Connor and Greyson Langley; numerous nieces and nephews; and her special friend and partner, Larry McCarty of Soap Lake.

A memorial service is planned on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the Community Church of Ephrata, 54 K St. S.E.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Rita's name may be made to the Grant County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1141, Ephrata, WA 98823 or Ephrata American Legion Unit 28 Auxiliary, P.O. Box 904, Ephrata, WA 98823.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.


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

Tribute Wall

GM

“ Rita was a wonderful person and she was a wonderful school nurse. This community will miss Rita very much. She was on in a million. My prayers to the family.

Gidget Moreno - February 02, 2019 at 03:45 PM

 Karen Bracht

“ To all my wonderful cousins: I only had the opportunity to meet my Aunt Rita in person a couple of times, but after Gayle's wedding, we kept in touch via cards, her wonderful Christmas letters, and even later on FB! She was encouraging, always fun loving and I admired her lifestyle from afar. Her impeccable handwriting was a wonder. I will miss hearing from her and wish I could have spent more one on one time with her. Please know my most heartfelt sympathy in her loss and have you all in my thoughts and prayers. She truly led a wonderful and fulfilled life.



Karen Bracht - January 18, 2019 at 11:20 AM

JM

“ Rita will be missed by many in the Ephrata area. She was a wonderful school nurse and so active in the community. Rita volunteered for years as a reading tutor at Grant School. So sorry for your loss. We will miss her.
Joan and Bob McDonnell

Joan mcdonnell - January 17, 2019 at 11:11 AM

DI

“ am miss you rita

dianna - January 16, 2019 at 08:24 PM

MD

“ I met Rita when I took an EMT class which she was instructing in Ephrata in 1982. She was a gifted teacher and always a lady in every way. I never saw her when she wasn't "put together" with a lovely smile on her face.
She and I had many great visits about horses over the years, she was horse-crazy just like me and loved a good trail ride.
Rita set the bar high for all of us in many ways. I'm so very thankful that she was my friend.
I'm truly sorry that her family is having to face this loss, I know she's leaving a beautiful legacy.
Rest in Peace Cowgirl.

Mary Lynn Duncan - January 16, 2019 at 01:48 PM

SL

“ Rita was such an amazing woman and will be remembered as an energetic, honest, and generous woman. Our community mattered to her and she mattered to us.

Shannon Lowry - January 16, 2019 at 09:05 AM

LB

“ I will always cherish the friendship I had with such a kind lady. I'll always think of Rita when I wear my poppy earrings she gave me from her trip to Canada. *Laura Bondurant*



laura bondurant - January 15, 2019 at 06:23 PM

JB

“ Beautiful lady, inside & out. Always had a smile for everyone. You are missed already, Rita.

jodi bailey - January 15, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *First of all I want to say I was very sad to hear of Rita's passing she was a very special lady, when I would come out to Ephrata to visit my mother I would look forward to seeing Rita she was a ray of sunshine I am going to miss seeing her on my visits.*

TerrynDeanna Niemeyer - January 15, 2019 at 09:48 AM

SV

“ *So sorry to hear about the death of Rita. She was such a dedicated school nurse, and then, after she retired, she was always fun to run into and visit with around town. Her smile, enthusiasm and dedication will live on with all of us who had the pleasure of knowing her. ❤️😭. My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.*

Sigrid Vira - January 14, 2019 at 09:05 PM

KS

“ *Rita was such a classy lady and she always encouraged me to be the best I could be. She never said no and was my go to lady for every judging of the Americanism essay contest. She will be truly missed. God speed my friend.*

kim timke spruell - January 14, 2019 at 07:47 PM

JY

“ *Rita was always kind and full of energy. You never passed by her without a smile.*



janice yates - January 14, 2019 at 06:12 PM

DI

“ *Diannadoles lit a candle in memory of Rita Bracht Mayrant*



diannadoles - January 14, 2019 at 05:47 PM

DI

“ *sorry about rita*

diannadoles - January 14, 2019 at 05:47 PM

RR

“ *R. Rice lit a candle in memory of Rita Bracht Mayrant*



R. Rice - January 14, 2019 at 04:58 PM

CA

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canadys - January 14, 2019 at 04:42 PM