



Amy Marie Bender

June 9, 1971 - September 25, 2012

Amy Marie Bender passed into the loving hands of the Lord on September 25, 2012 after losing the battle to pancreatic cancer.

Amy was born in Wenatchee on June 19, 1971 to Wayne and Brenda (Jagla) Bender. Having attended Columbia Elementary, Pioneer Junior High School, and graduating from Wenatchee High School in 1989, Amy lived most of her life in the Wenatchee valley.

Amy was loved by many; her beautiful smile and spirit will be greatly missed. She was a devoted, loyal friend and family member. She was also a loyal dog owner; her dog Lexi was a huge part of her world. When Lexi passed a few years ago, Amy missed her terribly but never replaced her because she said she would never have a dog as good as Lexi.

Amy enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She was content to sit and watch her nephew Riley play video games and would often join in the fun. Family functions were times Amy enjoyed. A movie or lunch with friends is what would make her smile.

Amy was brave to the very end, having to endure a lot of pain and discomfort. Her sense of humor would peak through the pain from time to time and her smile would make you believe all was going to be alright.

Through her illness, her sole caregiver was her mother, Brenda. Along the way, they both met a lot of caring people. Brenda would like to thank the following people for the love and care they provided for Amy during her illness:

Barb, Teri, Claudia, Teresa, Trish, and Fred - Hospice nurses

Nicole - bath aide

Alisha and Carla - social workers

All of the nurses and staff at Colonial Vista

Val, Karen, and Rebecca - Hospice volunteers who sat with Amy

Dr. Gail Feinman and her nurse Sherry

Dr. Mandy Robertson and the infusion nurses at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center

My family and Amy's friends for coming in to sit with Amy and hold her hand during her brief stay at Colonial Vista.

"I will be forever grateful to all of you."

Amy is survived by her mother and stepfather, Brenda and Ron Jagla; her father Wayne Bender; her brother and sister-in-law Darin and Laura Bender; her nephew Riley Bender, known to her as "tater tot;" her aunts Marsha Taylor and Janet Hood; her uncle Loye Taylor; and her grandmother Helen Taylor.

Preceded in death are Amy's grandparents Roy Taylor, Francis and Bus Ulin, uncle, Kelly Hood, and her dog Lexi.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, October 1, 2012, 11:00am at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church. In lieu of other tributes memorials can be made in her name to Central Washington Hospice and Home Health, 1020 N Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801 or The Pancreatic Cancer Fund % Virginia Mason Medical Foundation, Dr. Vincent Picozzi, 1100 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98111. Family and friends are invited to view her online tribute at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ 13 years later.... I came across old Facebook messages from Amy. She was a wonderful person, very sweet and always full of life. Though I was her cna in the hospital, we were friends. So many laughs and memories in her room. My daughter was born on her birthday the year she passed and she is just as kind and sweet as Amy was. I don't know what brought me to these messages but they made me tear up and smile all at the same time. I was very lucky to have met her even in such an unfortunate situation. - Stephanie Johansen

Stephanie Johansen - November 17, 2025 at 01:46 AM

AM

“ These 3 photos are of Amy when Brenda and I took her to Virginia Mason Hospital for chemo treatments as an outpatient (summer of 2011). She was determined to fight the invader! As you can see her legs and toes were swollen.

Aunt Marsha - January 21, 2013 at 02:12 AM

AM

“ Oct 20, 2011, Amy showed up even though she didn't feel well.

Aunt Marsha - January 21, 2013 at 02:07 AM

DR

“ I didn't see Amy everyday, but I played words with friends with her for awhile as she was getting treatment. I would ask Riley how she was doing, he would say okay. It's so surreal that she has passed away, seems like so quickly. The world will go on, it always does... But there is a sadness among us, missing Amy and her quiet little smile. Even just days before her passing, at Riley's birthday we were able to make her laugh, she must have thought us sisters were all crazy. We miss you Amy... Say hi to my mom and dad up there in heaven... Love Darla

Darla Racus - November 20, 2012 at 09:04 PM

DR

“ Oh Amy you have left us so young, you were such a sweet person. You did not deserve to be in such pain. Our love goes out to your mom and Ron and Darin and Laurie and especially Riley, he will miss you terribly ... Say hi to my mom and dad... We will miss your lovely smile.

Darla Racus - October 01, 2012 at 03:16 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you while you process through your grief. Amy was a good friend and my heart is saddened she lost her battle. But I am relieved she is no longer suffering. She was so loved by everyone who knew her.

Bicky "Bippy" - September 28, 2012 at 11:06 PM

AA

“ Brenda and Ron Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Alan and Colleen Adamek

Alan and Colleen Adamek - September 28, 2012 at 09:19 PM

KC

“ *I went to highschool with Amy and remember her friendly smile and she was a nice person to everyone. My heart hurts for you all and I pray for healing for everyone.*

Kerri Coffman - September 27, 2012 at 08:20 PM