



Bonita JoAnn Couet

December 15, 1941 - September 26, 2010

Bonita J. Couet, 68, of Chelan and a former East Wenatchee resident for over 35 years, passed away at her home in Chelan on Sunday, September 26, 2010. She is survived by her three children: Dino Terrana of White Salmon, Mিকেle "Mickey" Terrana of Bellingham and Britt Eidsvoog of Palisades; her four grandchildren: Baylen, Julia, Aleya and Dagan; her mother: Irene Couet of Tukwila; her two brothers: Michael Couet of Tukwila and Marlott "Dean" Couet, of Issaquah; and her best friend, Conner, her Golden Retriever.

Bonita was born on December 15, 1941 in Tyler, Minnesota, the daughter of Irving "Frenchy" and Florence "Irene" Couet. Bonita moved with her family to Seattle in 1957. She graduated from West Seattle High School in 1959. In 1960, Bonita married Carl Terrana. In the early 1970's, Bonita remarried and moved to Wenatchee. In the mid-1970s she moved to Quincy, where she raised Morgan horses. In the early 1980s, Bonita moved back to Wenatchee where she was employed with the Alcoa aluminum plant as a pot tender. In 1989 she purchased a house on Sunset Highway in East Wenatchee.

Bonita's home was her haven and she loved gardening. She created an amazing yard and garden and her property was well known to anyone who traveled on the Sunset Highway. Her yard was a sanctuary where friends and family would gather and were always welcome, her door was always open.

Bonita was highly artistic and creative. Her mother would say that Bonita could make something out of nothing. Bonita grew large gourds which she decorated with elaborate and beautiful designs.

In the Fall of 2009, Bonita moved to Heritage Heights in Chelan and started a new life. In March of 2010, Bonita learned she had lung cancer. In the face of this disappointing news, she remained positive and upbeat. Throughout her treatments, Bonita was very courageous. She would say: "God is using me as an example to help others be strong." Her faith, and a handful of loyal friends, sustained her and gave her comfort.

A remembrance gathering will be held on Saturday October 16, 2010 at Chelan Falls Park, Chelan Falls, WA. Those attending are asked to start gathering at 11:30 a.m.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.