



Deborah Whaley

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Monitor, WA

Deborah "Debbie" Whaley, 72, died unexpectedly on Monday, November 16, 2020 at her home in Monitor, WA.

She was born Deborah Dee Darlington to Ralph and Vera (McGregor) Darlington on November 9, 1948 in Longview, WA. She was the youngest of four children and a loving sister to Chuck, Kay and Chad. Shortly after her birth, the family made their way to Peshastin, WA where they made their home up Derby Canyon (the Ranch), where Debbie could be found doing what she loved most, riding horses.

Debbie attended school in Peshastin and graduated from high school in 1967. It was here where she met the love of her life, Wendell Whaley. On September 21, 1968, Debbie and Wendell were married in Peshastin, WA where they made their home and started their family. They had three loving children, Staci, Kim and Brad who were also raised in the Peshastin Valley. Debbie worked over 20 years packing fruit at the Peshastin Fruit Growers. Although this was a very hard and strenuous job, she loved it because this is where she met so many of her loving, lifelong friends. When her little body had had

enough of the physical stress, she moved on to work at the Wenatchee Valley Clinic. She worked over 17 years there and was loved by so many. She was praised by the doctors, staff and patients for her loving and caring attitude.

Debbie may have been a small little package, but she had the strongest passion for life and the biggest darn heart around! From a very young age she started taking care of others. Even though she was the youngest, she took on the role of "caretaker" for the family. She helped keep her dad, Ralph in line and would stay up late many nights to make sure her parents made it home safely. Her loving and caring ways continued throughout her life. She helped raise a couple of amazing grandsons and she was always there to support family and friends in whatever they might need. Debbie had a passion for horses and loved to go to rodeos and compete in barrel racing. She loved bowling, getting together with friends, going to the movies, and playing the slot machines :) She also loved to host family dinners, where she would cook up the most amazing meals. Debbie also really enjoyed watching her kids and grandkids growing up and playing sports. She was our biggest supporter and was always looking forward to the next game or event where she could come and cheer us on. But what she enjoyed most of all was spending time with Wendell, and spoiling him daily with her multi-course meals. Words can't express how much love, kindness, support and devotion this amazing lady has brought into the lives of all who knew her. Debbie was the BEST Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt, Grandma (MiMa), Great-grandma and friend that anyone could ask for! We are all so grateful for her unconditional love and for being the ROCK and SOUL of our family. We could write a book about how wonderful of a person she was and how many lives that she has touched. She was simply one in a million, and we are going to miss her beautiful smile, her upbeat attitude, and her outpouring of love and support for us tremendously.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband, Wendell Whaley of Monitor, WA; children: Staci Stevens of Peshastin, WA, Kim (Jim) Colvin of Peshastin, WA,

Brad Whaley of Peshastin, WA; Grandsons: Taylor (Emily) Ward, Hunter (Gabby) Vail, Rhiley Sandelin, Dalton Gurnard; Granddaughters: Madison and Morgan Colvin; Great-Grandchildren: Maverick Ward and Layla Vail; and her beloved dog Penny. She was preceded in death by her father Ralph, in 1992, and her mother Vera, in 2002.

Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Deb you will be missed by so many
So many memories you were one in a million and so glad you were
in my life
I can picture you riding again up there.*

Babs375@aol.com - November 22, 2020 at 05:57 AM

RM

“ *I will miss her a great deal she was a wonderful person and cousin.*

Ray McGregor - November 21, 2020 at 11:18 PM

MH

“ *Dear Wendell and Family,
My heart goes out to you all in your loss of Debbie. What fun we
had at our lunches talking about the "old days" of high school and
getting reacquainted these past few years. Debbie was always so
positive and a joy to be around. She will be greatly missed. You are
all in my thoughts and prayers.
Marilou Whaley Hughes*

Marilou Hughes - November 18, 2020 at 10:22 AM