



## Elaine Mae Wilson-Parsons

August 3, 1935 - August 14, 2022

Elaine Mae "Laney" Wilson-Parsons, 87, of Post Falls and a former 48 year resident of Silverton, Idaho, passed away on Sunday morning, August 14, 2022 at Hospice of North Idaho Schneidmiller House in Coeur d'Alene.

She was born on August 3, 1935 at Almira, Washington to Everett and Ellen Eudora (Buckley) Woods. Her mother later remarried and she got her bonus father, Herman Manke.

As a young child the family moved to Hartline and when she was 5 years old, they moved to Wilbur, Washington. She began her schooling in Wilbur and while in the 8th grade they moved to Dalkena, Washington. Laney attended and graduated from both 8th grade and high school from nearby Cusick Schools. Following high school, she moved to Newport, Washington and went to work for Akers Drug Store prior to becoming a Telephone Operator. She met Ted Henderson while in Dalkena, Washington and they were later married there in 1953. They made their first home together in Sandpoint, Idaho.

In 1967, she moved to Vallejo, California and on March 23, 1968, she was married to Avery George Wilson at Benicia, California. They made their home in Vallejo until moving to Newport, Washington in 1969.

They moved to make their home in Silverton, Idaho in May of 1971. Laney became a self taught Artist and enthusiastically researched many different facets of Art. She became a well known Oil Painter, who, not only painted on canvas's but saw blades, milk cans and other commissioned items. She

taught Oil Painting in her home and along with her husband, Avery making wooden frames for her paintings, they operated an art gallery and dealership from their home and had many displays in local restaurants. Laney exercised artistry in everything she worked on. She remodeled their home and several travel trailers. She made candles, ceramics, Ming trees, knitted afghans, sewed everything from clothes to blankets, made jewelry and fancy French Lamp Shades.

Laney's favorite things involved RV camping up and down the Oregon and Northern California Coastlines as well as the Northern Idaho woods. She collected agates, driftwood and sea shells that were often incorporated into an art project.

On July 16, 2015, she was preceded in death by her husband, Avery G. "A.G." Wilson. She remained in Silverton and later met and was married to Robert Richard "Bob" Parsons on May 17, 2019 in Coeur d'Alene. They moved to make their home together in Post Falls in the fall of 2019. Bob and Laney always coordinated their dress attire and often wore hats to go along with their outfits. They were known as the "cute" couple. They enjoyed eating dinners out at the dining experience destinations in the greater Coeur d'Alene area. She was the love of his life and Bob so wishes they could have had more time together.

She is survived by her loving husband, Robert R. "Bob" Parsons, Post Falls, ID; Son, Richard "Rich" Henderson, Newport, WA; step-children, Diane Berry & her husband, Lorin, West Pasco, WA, Jeffrey Wilson & his wife, Loretta, East Wenatchee, WA, Frank Parsons, San Lorenzo, CA and Jennifer Parrish, Fremont, CA; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Laney was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her daughter, Debra Christine Ziegler, in the fall of 1994 from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident; her brother, Gary Manke, two half-brothers and two half-sisters.

Laney's wishes were to have an intimate family Remembrance Gathering in her honor. You are invited to share a memory with the family on her tribute page at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com). Local arrangements are in the

care of Yates Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

“Laney, My step-mother and later she became my bonus mother as well. I remember Elaine as far back as I can remember as a child. Her first husband, Ted Henderson, was a competitor bread route delivery driver as was my father. They became friends and were in the same hunting parties. Our families began to share small Christmas gifts and small times at each others homes. I was in the same classrooms at Washington Elementary School in Sandpoint, Idaho with Their oldest child Richard, (he likes to be known as "Rich"), from 1st through the 4th grades. Their youngest daughter, Debra, was a grade behind me but we always seemed to play together; It wasn't until years later, while visiting with her that I learned she was actually my same age and Richard was one year older than myself. I recall Laney being a very pretty and bold woman in the summertime. She had a "White Bilke", (that is an actual rare sought after option now), Honda 160 Scrambler that she rode all over town and especially through the loop near the Beach House; which was the cool cruise through area, She would often wear a white bikini and had White Go Go Boots. She was Cool and it was the later part of the 60's. No one was that bold in that town but her. When I was 9 years old, my father, Avery Wilson and Elaine began seeing each other and everyone it seemed was upset with them, me included. About the time I turned 10, my step brother, Rich, said "Isn't it great that your dad and my mom are getting together, I always liked your dad better than mine", It had occurred on the corner of the school grounds after school and I began fighting with Rich, I had him down and was beating him up. The Teachers came out and broke us up. When I got home I got a phone call from my father scolding me for that fight and we needed to get along. I cried and cried, That Summer Avery and Laney left together and moved to Benecia, California. They were married after their divorces were finalized and after a year or two they moved back up to the Newport, Washington area and my sister and I were able to have our first visit. I so wanted to stay with my dad. I believe it was about 1971 or 2 that they moved up to Silverton, Idaho. I was able to go visit them one time by myself prior to getting my drivers license and visiting the two of them myself. When I was

16 almost 17, I brought my now bride Loretta, to Silverton and we had a nice visit. That was a day we all always remembered. Laney took me aside and said, " She's the one, Isn't she,, Jeffy".

Years went by and we all seemed to be so busy, however, because I had purchased 20 acres just west of Sandpoint, Dad and Laney started visiting my first wife and myself at the property, they even brought their Orange and White Bronco and matching hunting trailer up for a week. That was fun since we got the Bronco stuck in the mud and took most of a day to get it freed up. We had fun though. As years progressed and they retired it was harder to get together as often and the two of them would always be gone. They had two sets of RV's They had the hunting campers or trailers and a 4 wheel drive puller, (usually a 1st generation Bronco), or their live in ones that they travelled and explored the Washington and Oregon Coastline with. They were GONE and alot of the time for three months at a time. When they would be on their way home they would usually stop by for a quick visit, I looked forward to those visits, but, usually shewed them out for not letting anybody in the family know where they were or later in their excapades having a cell phone in case of an emergency. Once they did get a cell phone they never had it turned on unless they wanted to call out; Laney was always an artist and was a master Artist in so many areas. She did all sorts of fancy candles as I first remember, then she did Ming Trees; they moved many rocks and made a rock garden that included ocean driftwood. During their ocean adventures they gathered Agates and had a polishing machine. She was a self taught Oil Painter that never quit learning new techniques. She liked making trips to Leavenworth during the big art shows to talk tech and buy new supplies. We were fortunate enough to be with them on one of those trips. She knew many of the local artists. Her artistry seemed to have no boundaries. Her oil paintings made extra house payments and they paid their home off early. This allowed them the ability to stay gone longer stretches. Once it became to difficult for Avery to travel and they stayed close to home, they explored more local stores shops and areas. She focused on giving Art Lessons privately and ventured into new artistry with the addition of sewing, making antique lampshades and

*they went to yard sales all over the silver valley to find shades and lamp bases.*

*After Avery's health declined and they were no longer able to do RV travelling, they stayed close to home in Silverton. He had a steady decline and following a fall at home, and upon being released from the hospital, he was placed in the convalescent home in Silverton. Laney made numerous friends at the convalescent center and following Avery's passing she visited some of them, Following the loss of Avery, she spent alot of her time working on the Rock Garden bank behind their home. So much so that we all worried that she may fall and tumble down. She spent the Holidays that year at our home with family surrounding her. She never slowed down and always was cooking and sewing while resting. Upon her return home we spoke nearly every night sometimes for over an hour at a time.*

*She was introduced to Bob Parsons through common family friends and they began a beautiful friendship. Together they worked on the Rock Garden back yard bank, Bob built a walk through the middle of the garden with a handrail and that made things safer. As things progressed and they fell deeper and deeper in love, they decided to get married and consolidate by selling each others homes and buy their own dream love nest, They were married on May 17, 2019 at the Hitching Post Wedding Chapel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They then went to work and sold their homes and bought their home in Post Falls, Idaho. I personally watched a precious love story unfold. They were so cute together, they dressed to match each other they wore hats that matched and were legends in their own town. They were "elegant" together. Laney called him Bobby. They built the upstairs of their home the way they wanted it. they installed the Largest Flat Screen nearly 3 D in their living room as well.*

*Laney always dealt with a heart anomaly and had many issues that she managed and it was a surprise when she heard about lung cancer enter into it. She had a lung cancer surgery and had a slower than she liked kind of recovery and later found that the cancer had returned. She handled some chemo treatments but made her feel so much worse, that she made the decision to stop. They went out and purchased a smaller travel trailer and were*

*making plans to travel the Oregon Coastline when Laney's health suddenly changed. We have seen the complete depth of Bob's Love through the passing of his beloved Laney.*

**Jeffrey Wilson** - January 03, 2023 at 05:26 PM

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“ *Laney my love you & i both had two other ones in our life but no one capshured the Love i had with you Dear you made everything so perfect you had such a great talent for anything & iam heart broken over this Sweetheart i will miss you every day & pray God will bring us back together again my lovely Angel in Heaven. Sweet heart I miss you Baby!!! Your Loving Husband Bob Parsons. Sending LOVE to you every Day Love!!!!*

**Robert Parsons** - August 21, 2022 at 01:13 PM

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“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Laney's passing. She was such a lovely lady with a beautiful spirit. We knew Laney through church and she attended a small group at our home. Our condolences to Laney's husband and her family. We know that we will see Laney again someday in our heavenly home. Jim & Cindy Best*

**Cynthia Best** - August 20, 2022 at 04:29 PM