



Frankie Ellen Schmitz

June 20, 1959 - July 17, 2012

Frankie "Ellen" Schmitz, 53, and lifetime resident of Chelan County died at Central Washington Hospital, July 17, 2012.

She was born on June 20, 1959 to Franklin and Opal (Anthis) Barker in Chelan, Washington and was raised in Ardenvoir along with her four sisters and brother. She attended elementary through high school at Entiat. After high school she worked as a cashier at the Entiat Food Center until 1979 when she moved to Wenatchee, to see what the big city had to offer and enjoy time with friends, and met the "Love of her life", Bob Schmitz. They were married May 22, 1982 and started their life together in Wenatchee, one year later they moved to Ardenvoir and there they stayed and raised their daughter, Nicole. Ellen enjoyed being a loving wife and mother and everyday chores of cleaning and gardening were her hobbies. She wouldn't think twice about lending a "Helping Hand" to others in need. During the Dinkleman Fire in 1988 she was instrumental in organizing food for the fire fighters; procuring 500 sandwiches from Arby's, juice, coffee and melons, and offering the use of their home for showers. She was a second mom to the neighborhood children and loved providing for Nicole's friends when needed. She enjoyed camping with her family and the times spent with friends celebrating. In 2003 she moved to Wenatchee and worked as a Diet Aid at Central Washington Hospital. Most recently she enjoyed crocheting afghans and dish towels. Ellen adored her grand children and loved having them stay with her overnight to craft, watch TV and eat extra buttered popcorn.

She is survived by her daughter, Nicole (Mike) Macmasters, East Wenatchee, stepson, David (Valerie) Schmitz, Cashmere, step daughter, Korin Spanjer, Cashmere, sisters, Roberta Barnes, Wenatchee, Kay (David) Bowyer, East Wenatchee, Marci Barker, Wenatchee, Mary (Wes) Tatum, Wenatchee, husband and friend, Bob Schmitz, Leavenworth, grand children, Lexie & Jordan Schmitz, East Wenatchee, Holly Spanjer, Cashmere, Joseph Schmitz, Wenatchee, Kim Schmitz, Auburn, Josh Schmitz, Everett and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Danny Barker.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt "Thank You" to the Wenatchee Fire Department, Ballard Ambulance, the ER and Staff at CWH, Chaplains Scott and Mark, Teri and Mark Robinson and a "Very Special Thank You" to SueAnn Baird and Richelle Watts.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at the Entiat Cemetery at 10:30am with a pot luck lunch following at the Warehouse Church.

Visitations will be Monday, July 23, 2012, noon to 5:00 and Tuesday, July 24, 2012 10:00-7:00pm at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Rd., East Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers the family has set up an Ellen Schmitz Memorial Account at Cashmere Valley Bank. You're invited to visit her online guest book to leave condolences and pictures for the family at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

KN

“ Ellen and I grew up in Ardenvior, attended Entiat High School, and throughout the years have stayed in touch. Recently after both experiencing life-changing situations we became close again. We spent hours talking about how it felt to lose someone so close..we cried and we laughed and sometimes would just sit in silence remembering....

Ellen was funny and I would get a kick out of spooking her or just making her laugh until she almost went tinkle in her pants! We enjoyed going to Larry's Drive-In for boneless chicken dinner and she often would tell me stories of when her and Bob would have dinner there as well.

Today, more than most days, Ellen has been in my thoughts. Hidden Chronicles on Facebook is simply not the same without our daily challenges...oh how I would give anything to see her little light be on at 3 am when neither of us could sleep. She even told me that I was good therapy...I think I just talked to much and it simply would put her to sleep! But....regardless of everything...I love that girl. We have been closer than most family members and I look forward to being with her in spirit when the time comes. I don't even have to say it...cause I know Ellen has seen my Mom and given her the biggest hug and kiss from me..

you made me cry, you made me smile....you made me feel like I did matter...I thank you for giving me back my confidence and will to go on.

Kim Nelson - November 02, 2012 at 07:26 PM

DC

“ Dear Miss Ellen, all of us who have had the distinct pleasure of working with you at the hospital will miss you. You were the sparkle in the daily grind of our work. And you could make things happen! We had so much fun with you. Hugs to all your family. We are so sorry we cannot join them as we could not get off work. love you.

Dawn Cummings - July 24, 2012 at 10:35 PM

CD

“ I didn't know Ellen that well, she was our client. I do know she was a sweetheart of a gal. My condolences to her family and friends.

Caroline DeWolf - July 24, 2012 at 03:13 PM

TF

“ Nicole I am so terrible sorry about your loss of your mother! I didn't know her, but Katie told me that she had had a great time over there a few weeks ago. If you need to talk let me know! Take care hun!

The Chapman family - July 23, 2012 at 02:19 AM

RY

“ It seems everytime Mom and I would go watch movies at Ellen's, They would sit on the Couch and I would sit in that chair(anyone who has been in her place knows what im talking about)about half-way through the movie Ellen would look over at me and ask if im still awake...lol. Just because one time i did fall asleep in that chair. Just one of those times that seems to stick out in my mind about hanging with Aunt Ellen, Love you heaps

Ryan - July 22, 2012 at 08:11 PM

RY

“ *He always calls home his most special angels
Love you always Aunt Ellen*

Ryan - July 22, 2012 at 08:05 PM

MA

“ *You will always be in our hearts and thoughts
forever. We love and miss you so very much.*



Marcie,Roberta,Melissa - July 22, 2012 at 06:45 PM

RB

“ *Always loved and will always be loved*



Ryan Batton - July 22, 2012 at 06:39 PM

MA

“ *Ellen,my sweet little sister,I miss and love you so much.Im going to
miss our movie nights,eating those BIG chocolate candy bars til we
would make our self sick.Ellie, you will always been in my heart and
thoughts, till we meet again in Heaven. I Love You Sister.*

Marcie - July 22, 2012 at 01:24 AM

ME

“ I love u and miss u aunt ellen. Give grandma and grandpa and uncle danny big hugs for me. someday we will all be together again. At this time u r no longer in pain. love u bunches

Melissa - July 21, 2012 at 11:09 PM

RE

“ I loved spending time with auntie Ellen. There was always something humorous happening. I remember when Cole, Jen me and aunt Ellen were in her car stopped at the light on Orondo by the YMCA. There was a lady walking into the Y with her skirt tucked into her underwear.i started laughing, she started laughing and we couldn't stop even when we tried to.

I enjoyed morning coffee with her when i stayed at mom and dads. I always had some crazy story about work. She loved listening.

Apple Blossom this year was very fun with her laughing in my ear and finding her when she got lost from the group. Auntie Ellen always had open arms and a heart full of love and laughter. You will be missed more than you know. My heart is saddened with your loss. I will love you for always. Bucka

Rebecca - July 20, 2012 at 02:42 PM

RJ

“ Forever in our hearts.



Ruta and Don Jones - July 20, 2012 at 12:23 PM

RO

“ Little sis,I love and miss you so very much.I have so many precious memories to hold on to. You will always be in my heart. Some day we will all be together again. Love you angel. Love your big sis

Roberta - July 20, 2012 at 01:53 AM

RO

“ Bob and Family,
So sad to hear of Ellens passing. She was always so warm and friendly, she will be missed. May you find comfort and strength during this time and know she will always be with you. Russ and Lisa Ogle

Russ Ogle - July 19, 2012 at 10:51 PM

CA

“ I enjoyed getting to know Ellen when we worked together at Central Washington Hospital and all the off work times we had together at Wes and Marys. I will miss seeing you at Walmart you will always be in my heart .I will take care of your Sisters for you I know how special they were to you., R.I.P Dear Friend Colleen

Colleen Adamek - July 19, 2012 at 09:43 PM

KC

“ I certainly was saddened to hear of Ellens passing away. Most of my memories of her were when we were just kids since that was the time of our lives when we spent time together. Though so many years ago, stil they are vivid in my mind and I am glad to have had her as my cousin. I trust the Lord to comfort you that are left behind.

Ken Carter - July 19, 2012 at 08:28 PM

SJ

“ Am so sorry for the loss of a dear friend,can remember being in bluebirds together,throwing rocks at the neighbor kids...the ole swimming hole in ardenvoir...among many other memories..she will be missed,my heart goes out to all of you.But she will be met with loving arms at the gates of heaven.My prayers are with you all.

Sandra Bennett Janshen - July 19, 2012 at 08:28 PM

KA

“ Sister Dear,My heart ache so that you had to go so soon.Will miss you everyday until we meet ,when my time has come.You are with our parents now and in GOD's hand.P.S. Say HI to everyone.

Kay - July 19, 2012 at 08:24 PM

AB

“ I have many memories as a child, spending time with Nicole, Ellen, and Bob. They were always welcoming and kind. Ellen always treated me as if I was a child along side Nicole, there were many days spent with her and the family, whether it was trips to see Nicoles grandmother, basketball game, breakfast in Entiat, sledding, or playing in the house until we drove Ellen crazy, as Nicole and I were a handful. Regardless Ellen always welcomed me with open arms, and with that and the friendship I attained with Nicole throughout our childhood, there are many memories of Ellen and the loving family of the Schmitz.

amy battee - July 19, 2012 at 03:49 PM