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Wenatchee, WA

Gwenda L. (Williams) Edwards, 78, a 16-year Wenatchee resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family.

She was born on April 3, 1940, at Arlberg, Arkansas, to the late Onvie and Ola (Lamberson) Bane. She moved to Bridgeport, Washington, at the age of eleven, where she attended school. She later met and married Cliff Williams on November 24, 1956, at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and made their home in Bridgeport raising 5 kids. She worked in the fruit packing sheds, Bridgeport grocery store and the Security Bank.

In 1982, she married John Edwards and became a Snowbird, eventually making their home in Spokane. She moved to Kirkland in 1993 to be closer to her mother, Ola Lamberson, while attending college and working as an Office Manager. She remained in Kirkland until moving to Wenatchee in 2002.

Gwen's dearest and closest companion was her dog, Lady, and friends, Bobbie Turner and Karen Rudman. She was a member of the WVSAC Wii Bowling League and bowled a perfect 300 game. She loved slots, bingo,

cards and visiting either on her phone or in person. She was an avid sports and racing fan. She enjoyed reading and trading books with her friends and family. And she most definitely loved her sweets.

She is survived by four children: Sonja Rhodes, East Wenatchee, WA, Chuck (Stephany) Williams, Puyallup, WA, Tammy (Rob) Ingram, Wenatchee, WA, and Jeff (Teresa) Williams, Bremerton, WA; brother, Ron (Hilde) Bane, Lacey, WA; sister, Sherry (Larry) Hansford, Lynnwood, WA; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, a son, Dave Williams, son-in-law, Bill Rhodes; and boyfriend, Bill Schultz.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee, WA, with a potluck reception to follow. You are invited to visit Gwen's online tribute at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com to leave a condolence or share a memory. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee & Cashmere.

Tribute Wall



“ *Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gwenda Lee Edwards* ”



Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“Gwen was an amazing woman and had a great impact on my life. Without a mother, Gwen never hesitated in filling the role when asked if needed during my high school years, and even in adulthood. I watched her carefully as a mother to her children. I noted she was always at her son's sporting events. Always. Her 5 children's #1 fan in everything they did. She would attend Mother-Daughter tea events with me so I could have a mother representation. She always had a listening ear, provided hugs and the emotional support I needed. I loved her family. As I grew older she became a dear friend, and at times grandma Gwen to my children when she lived in Spokane. After she moved to Wenatchee our communication became less but stayed in touch. I'm so thankful we talked a week before she went home to be with the Lord. She asked about my children, and wanted to know what all five son's were doing with their life. She shared her pride of her children and grandchildren. She told me her spirit and heart were in the right place. She was ready, tired, and didn't want her children and family to be sad. Tears were shed and appreciation was voiced. As I raised my boys, I made it a point to be at my 5 son's school events, each and every one. I was their #1 fan, and still am. I've been a "mom" to many girls who needed a step in, listening ear, or a hug. Gwen, I was watching you. I love you and so thankful you had such an impact on my life. You showed me that raising 5 children can be done, and how it is done. Thank you for loving me.

Kelli Alexander - February 25, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ MOM Gwen Edwards (Williams)

April 3 1940

Arlberg Arkansas -

January 23 2019

Wenatchee WA

78 years

One of the hardest things in life is losing a Mom and best friend

Ive dreaded thinking of being alone without you to share life and love

That this day has come and somehow through memories and all the love youve made and shared we will continue to live life and represent you

Especially after we have lost our Dad Cliff Williams on December 28 2009 and our brother Dave Williams on June 19 2015

Mom will be buried at the Brewster cemetery overlooking the beautiful valley and Columbia River next to her Mom and Pa, with her son Dave and place for Sonja and Bill at a later date with Chuck and Stephanys place next to them hopefully in 30 to 40 years

Our Mom was an amazing & loving parent, tough when she needed to be, loyal friend, role model and extremely hard worker

Mom will always be remembered and appreciated for what she did with love and compassion for life especially for family, friends and even people she didnt know yet

Her warm loving smile was always available to make people feel loved and welcomed

To know Mom from where she was raised in Arkansas to moving to

the Northwest and raising five kids in Bridgeport who all were different in their own ways but Mom loved them the same with everything she had and even more when they needed it

Our mom was somebody that was so much loved and respected that when she gave you the look that was usually enough to get your attention and to stop whatever you were doing but if needed she always had a good supply of wooden spoons

Mom had an awesome combination of love, discipline and consistency to raise us five kids and provide us everything that a child could hope for

Mom went hunting, fishing, camping and many other family activities to spend time with us

Of course she got to enjoy it more after she got camp set up and things organized for the five kids and dad but she always made it enjoyable and fun and somehow she pulled it off leaving us many good memories

Making sure that we had the opportunity to play sports and participate in anything we wanted to that included FFA and band

Mom supported us kids and loved having farm animals with horses, cows, pigs, chickens, rabbits, dogs, cats and even working for the farmers, orchards and Chief Joseph Dam

Mom made sure that after we got our chores done that we always had time to go ride the horses, motorcycles, go sledding, play basketball, baseball and football in the pasture, pick asparagus or go chase the cows out of the orchards

Mom made sure to coordinate and plan a trip to Grand Coulee to see Grandma and Pa usually on a Sunday but as often as possible and to Sandpoint Idaho to see Grandpa Charles Williams and Grandma Ruby (Williams) and Grandpa Fletcher Payne at least

once or twice a year

Mom made sure to host Christmas in a single wide mobile trailer that our Aunt Sherry (Moms Sister) and Uncle Larry Hansford from Lynnwood and Uncle Ron (Moms Brother) and Aunt Hilda from Lacey drove over several times in extreme snow and weather to share special times with family and somehow it all worked in amazing ways

Even when I was gone with the military or just being a young adult and busy, Mom was always available to talk with and share our weekly and life experiences. I looked forward to that and miss that so much

Family is everything to Mom

Mom and Grandma was so very proud and happy of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

She liked the saying Grandma Loves Kisses and Hugs

Anybody that knew our mom knows that this is not something thought of by a biased loving and grateful son but deserving of precious memories and appreciation of a loving Mom, parent and friend

My mom is so happy that I was able to find a woman to marry like Stephany

To know she can rest knowing that I am happy, being taken care of and she doesnt have to any more

Nobody can replace Mom but Stephany is a lot like mom who brings happiness and an awesome future with love for family and life

Mom you will always be remembered, cherished and missed so very much to share our daily lives and stories with

Even though you have passed you are always on our minds and in our hearts

Thank you for all your love and efforts for a good life

I hope you are at peace with your Mom Ola Lamberson, Pa Francis Lamberson, son Dave Williams, Cliff Williams and God

We love and miss you always Mom, Grandma and Friend

Forever Love and Amen

February 06, 2019 at 05:07 PM

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“Gwen was a longtime friend who always had a smile, a bit of advice and most of all a big hug! Our paths in life sometimes drifted miles apart but when we got back on the same path it was as if it was yesterday! That is a true friend. I will miss her very very much. Until we meet again.....Karen.

Karen Rudman - February 03, 2019 at 06:55 PM

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“I will miss my dear friend forever more. We had so many laughs and a lot of tears through our journey together but through it all there was always a lot of smiles. That is the most important - do you bring a smile to each other. We accepted each other as is with love and understanding. I will see you later Gwen and I look forward to hearing that wonderful laugh!

Karen - January 31, 2019 at 10:06 PM

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“ *There is so much sorrow in the world. But the death of our loved ones brings the deepest sorrow of all. May God's promise to help you through this difficult time bring you peace, (Isaiah 41:10) and his promise for the future (John 5:28, 29) give you a wonderful hope.*

SR - January 29, 2019 at 08:21 AM