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It is with deep sadness the family of Janet Gale "Jan" West announces her passing on Friday, March 23, 2018, at the age of 62. She was a longtime Leavenworth resident.

She was born on January 12, 1956 in Spokane, Washington, to Thomas Earl and Doris Jean (Mitchell) West. As a young child, the family moved to Leavenworth, WA. Janet received her elementary through high school education in Leavenworth. She continued her education at the Trend Business College in East Wenatchee.

Janet loved being outdoors and worked a variety of occupations throughout her life. She went to work for the U.S. Forest Service as a trail maintenance worker and she also worked for the Rocky Mountain Helicopters. She met and married Tom Leitz, a Helicopter Pilot, and they made their home together in Leavenworth. Janet continued working as a waitress, a Traffic Control Supervisor, and in 1991, she worked at Alcoa. In 2013, she made her home in Cashmere and continued to work until ill health forced her to accept early retirement.

Janet's greatest attribute is her love of her family and friends; as she was an incredible counselor and loving support for us. She especially enjoyed the outdoors, camping, gardening, cooking, reading and playing the guitar.

Janet is survived by her five brothers and sisters: Sherrill Clark, of Wenatchee; Terry West, of Cashmere; Clayton West, Lorretta Powers, and Paula Gaughan, all of Leavenworth; 25 nieces and nephews and 33 great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas West and Doris West, a brother Dart West, and a brother-in-law, Colin Powers. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Creekside Lodge, located at 11113 Chumstick Highway in Leavenworth, WA. You are invited to visit Janet's tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com and leave a memory. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Talk about a day late.. So sorry to hear of Jan's passing I should have stayed in touch. We were close friends once upon a time. Many fond memories indeed.
My heart felt condolences to all the West family and friends of Jan.

Dean Kasner - September 19, 2021 at 01:33 PM

DB

“ Jan and I were best friends for a time and, for me, it was one of the best times. Maybe none of the family will remember me, but I have not nor will I ever forget Jan. We were Mutt & Jeff! I remember us arguing over who was better, the Four Seasons or the new group, The Beatles! hahaha Jan liked the Beatles. I am glad I got to talk to her by phone as an adult.

Debbie Bronswood - April 03, 2018 at 04:33 PM

TW

“ Our mother was a lady from Los Angeles, California. She was a gentle, loving, and sophisticated woman. When Jan and I were about 8 and 5, she took us to buy some dresses from a really nice clothing shop in Spokane. When Jan and I saw the amazing mirrors and cool changing rooms we had so much fun making faces and sounds in the mirrors. We were a handful for our mom, but we had laughed about that for years. We had embarrassed our Mom like we never knew we could!! My little partner in adventure...for many years.

terry I west - March 31, 2018 at 07:12 PM

PG

“ Additional information about the memorial that we are having on April 3rd- There will be lots of food, friends, relatives, and stories. Everyone is welcome.. Please Join Us!

paula gaughan - March 31, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ Climb the hill or run down the hill. It was the way we came together. We climbed trees, made forts and played house and school on the rocks. Oh how that seems like just yesterday. Where has it all gone? We all grew up. As an adult you would always tell me you were a inch taller than me. I had to remember that. Janet, I always looked up to you. You were so strong. You knew what you wanted and no one was going to tell you anything different. Maybe that is the West in us!
I miss you and always love you. I know one day we will see each other again!
Seasons in the sun.....

March 29, 2018 at 06:15 PM

DH

“ MY HEARTFELT THOUGHTS FOR JAN AND HER FAMILY. JAN'S SMILE COULD BREAK HEARTS OR MAKE YOU LAUGH TILL YOU WERE SILLY. I WILL REMEMBER HER SMILE

DON HOUSDEN - March 28, 2018 at 01:11 PM

RA

“ Like a knife being lodge in your heart. I did not want to believe you were gone. looking at the picture and seeing your name, I know your gone, but not gone from my heart. I love you Janet. You will live with me until we see each other again.
Seasons in the sun!!

Robin Auayan - March 28, 2018 at 12:41 PM

MB

“ My sincere condolence & prayers for Janet West and her family ~ Lorie, Paula, Bree, Adam, TC and everyone else. "If the people we love are stolen from us, the way to have them live on is to never stop loving them".

-James O'Barr

MaryFrances Balcom - March 27, 2018 at 10:14 PM

TS

“ I am going forward with the plans we made. Glad you were in my(our) life; should have been longer. I miss you. You are a beautiful, loving and intelligent woman. All of us here miss you. Love you very much always and all ways. We knew each other so well.



Terry West, sister - March 27, 2018 at 04:31 PM

RO

“ Janet, I told you I would never stop loving you. You said someday I would. Well Putter Putt you where wrong. I do love you. Still



Ray O'Brien - March 27, 2018 at 01:18 PM