



## Joanne Schwilke

December 1, 1942 - June 30, 2017

Joanne Schwilke, 74, East Wenatchee, a longtime Wenatchee Valley resident, passed away on Friday evening, July 30, 2017, at her home, with her husband by her side on the eve of their 57th wedding anniversary.

She was born on December 1, 1942 in Tacoma, Washington. She moved to Wenatchee at an early age, where she was raised to the age of eight and then moved to Richmond, Virginia. She moved with her family to Oakland, California while in her late pre teen years. She attended Jr. High and the Cilantro High School in Oakland before returning to Wenatchee where she attended her senior year. She met Larry R. Schwilke and there and were later married on July 1, 1960 in the old Assembly of God Church in Wenatchee. They made their home together in Wenatchee and later East Wenatchee. During the later 1990's, they made their home in Entiat for five years prior to returning to East Wenatchee.

Joanne worked at Bob Files Boats and Motors, later, working at Stan's Merry Mart. In 2002, she went to work at Pacific Aerospace, where she was an inspector. She inspected small parts under the microscope. Ill health forced her to retire in May of 2016.

She loved camping, hunting, gardening, the outdoors and being with her family. She crocheted, made all sorts of arts and crafts, and gave many of her pieces away as gifts. She enjoyed being hands on help, assisting Larry build their Hot Rods, and going to car shows.

She was a longtime member of the Wenatchee First Assembly of God Church.

Joanne is survived by her husband , Larry Schwilke, East Wenatchee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond K. & Deanna Schwilke, East Wenatchee, Michael "Mike" & Michelle Schwilke, Camas, WA; daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen S. & Bart Miller, East Wenatchee; one sister and brother-in-law, Kathy & Gene Godfrey, Selah, WA; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Commemoration Service will be held on Monday, July 10th at 11:00 a.m. at Wenatchee First Assembly of God Church with Pastor Jerry Beebe officiating. You are invited to visit her tribute online at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) and leave a memory for the family. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Joanne was such a sweet lady, so kind and funny. She is missed!  
To her family, you are in my prayers!*

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**Donna Gardner** - July 10, 2017 at 09:28 AM

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“ *I met your mom and dad through my sister-in-law Dee Anne Ford, and her husband Larry Ford. They were old friends and had shared many good times together when they were young. My favorite story was when they all first met; Dee Anne and Larry Ford had a car the same make, year, color and model as your folks...Dee Anne said she thought she saw her husband driving down the road with a cute blond in the front seat of their car! It turned out to be the Schwilkes together in their own car! Finally, they met each other and shared a good laugh about it! I'm so sorry for your loss. Joanne was always friendly to me and she had such a beautiful smile. Sincerely, Lynn D. Thompson*

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**Lynn D. Thompson** - July 07, 2017 at 12:11 PM