



Judith L Cota

November 26, 1944 - August 2, 2023

Judith L. Jacobus Cota passed away on August 2, 2023 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born November 26th, 1944 in Aberdeen, WA to Walter Benton Jacobus & Nina Lee Booher, Judith lived in Elma, WA, and attended Hunters Prairie School then moved to Westport and attended Ocosta School while her parents owned The Gables Motel. She eventually moved back to Elma, where life took her in a different direction.

She married Al Cota on January 20th, 1961, and did not graduate in 1964 as intended. After a move to Tacoma in 1969, she found her calling to become a hairdresser and attended Mr. Lee's Beauty School in 1975. She worked in Puyallup at Willows Chalet for Mark & Merle Nemnick, then finally returned to the Elma McCleary area in 1978 where she worked with Myrna Helser at Haus of Hair and purchased the salon. She sold the salon but continued to work there until age 75. She was a 50-year member of the Lady Auxiliary - Eagles, a long-time member of Moose Club, and a member of Montesano VFW. She also attended Grace City Church with her family in Wenatchee and loved attending her yearly high school class reunions. Her grandchildren Zane and Sierra called her "Pamama" in unison when they were learning to talk, and she loved it. The nickname stuck and became a badge of honor that she would happily introduce herself by.

Judy is survived by her daughter Suzie (Matt), her brother Jim Jacobus, her

three grandchildren, Zane, Sierra, and Seth, and a great-grandson Jaysen. She was preceded in death by her husband Al in 2019, her sister Janet Lee Ross in 2005, Nina Lee Minzy in 1992, and Walter Jacobus in 1964. She also had very long friendships with Pam and Gary Doyle, Judy and Steve Metcalfe, Gary and Shirley Joplin, Chuck, and Myrna Helser, and Jim and Carol Kniert. To her they were family.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, October 7th, 2023 at 12:00 PM at Elma Eagles.