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Julia Ceceile (Mathena) Larsen passed peacefully on February 15, 2022. Julie lived with Alzheimer's Dementia for eight years, and while the disease darkened our lives, her laughter and bright smile remained.

Julie was born on September 21, 1950, in the old Leavenworth Hospital to Gladys and Cecil Mathena. The youngest of five siblings, Julie grew up surrounded by the chaos of a fun-loving family. She followed her father Cecil and older brothers into law enforcement, pursuing a degree in Police Science from Washington State University and working in the court system throughout her life.

Julie met and, after considerable persuasion, married Elmer Herbert Larsen in 1971. They lived for a short while in Cashmere before spending 8 years in Vancouver, Washington where Julie enjoyed hunting for treasures at Portland's Saturday Market and spending time with family along the Oregon coast.

Julie and Elmer enjoyed 50 years together, returning to Leavenworth in 1984.

Some of her happiest memories were made on the coast of Oregon, with the autumn leaves of New England, beside friends at Elro's Pizza, along the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland, and in visits to relatives in North Dakota. Julie and Elmer raised two children (Annie and Ben) and Julie cherished watching them grow.

Julie was engaged in many community activities and for years she devoted her time and efforts to the Leavenworth Friends of the Library. Julie loved garage sales; some of her greatest treasures were Leavenworth memorabilia. She loved crime novels, history, and old things (including Elmer). Nothing made her happier than a bath, a good book, and laughing with those she loved.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents, sister Ramona, and brother Michael. Remaining to celebrate her life and honor her memory are her brother Daryl (Louise), sister Carolyn (Ron), husband Elmer, daughter Annie (Aaron), son Ben (Katie), grandchildren Ava, Stella, Erik, Penny, and Teddy, many nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Mountain Meadows in Leavenworth for their love and compassion.

A Graveside Service will be held at Mountain View Cemetery in Leavenworth on March 3, 2022, at 11:00 AM with a Celebration of Julie's life later in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Julie's memory to local Leavenworth non-profit organizations: Leavenworth Friends of the Library, Mountain Meadows, or the Leavenworth Museum. You are invited to view Julie's Online Tribute at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com where you can share a memory with the family. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee and Cashmere, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“*Julie was such fun to work with at the Leavenworth forest service. So great to get to meet her family and watch Ben and Annie grow into great parents just like she was. She was very proud of all of you God bless and big hugs Carolyn and Harry lord*

Carolyn lord - March 09, 2022 at 09:46 PM

JJ

“*So happy to have had the many coffee and lunch dates with Julie and Sharon. Will always be very fond memories.*

Janeen Jackson - March 09, 2022 at 06:18 PM

AD

“*What a special friend Julie was to me, mostly in the Junior Missing arena, but also through our kids who are about the same age. I have and will continue to miss her. I will always remember how welcoming she was to anyone entering her home, "come one come all", including the FBI! Julie was extremely proud of you two, Annie and Ben, and at Christmastime loved the display of pictures she (or Elmer) took of the two of you each year in front of the tree. Julie was also loved to chat about each carving Elmer made for her at Christmas that she proudly displayed by the fireplace -- 50 !!*

May favorite memories of your Julie help guide you through the coming weeks and months and may pictures and stories keep her in the hearts of your young ones forever.

Ann Deason

Ann Deason - March 01, 2022 at 04:13 PM

PP

“ *There was always an infectious smile on Julie's face, followed by a wry sense of humor and a stride-stopping giggle. We encouraged her to date Elmer and have no regrets about that! They announced their engagement the night of our wedding and we have the photo to prove it....a happy, beautiful couple!*
Dennis & Paula Pendleton

Paula Pendleton - February 19, 2022 at 09:38 PM

PD

“ *From her picture, I notice her hair style hadn't changed much in my memory of our first meeting in Mrs. Laphorn's first grade class. She was small, pixie-ish. Dare I say "dainty", she and her friend Cathy Cook seemed like twins. Garnering my impression from multiple sisters at home she was nothing like them. Quiet when necessary. Never teasing. Never too serious to conceal a laugh. Decent, to me. I wished her to be my sister. We shared the same classes throughout school years and talked about that one night, the only night, when I had the chance to drive her home. I disappeared after high school and let go my memories until she contacted me as an adult asking me to attend a class reunion. The contact lead to a spotted correspondence for a year or two promising we would meet someday. That never happened. But, one morning while visiting the licensing department at the courthouse, I noticed a nameplate on a desk. It read "Julie Larsen". I decided to linger a while and say hello. A lady entered the room and announced that Julie would be late due to a bus mishap. And now, that's all I have, a memory of a little girl with a page-boy haircut, and the vision of a nameplate. I feel so sad about that. Now, I miss her.*

Phil Dunn - February 19, 2022 at 10:07 AM

PD

“ *My tears are flowing pretty hard right now for the loss of my sweet friend Julie. So many memories of our high school days cheering on our Grizzlies. Just such a beautiful person in all ways. Heartbroken.*

Patti Davis - February 18, 2022 at 10:30 PM