



Karen Ione Racus

June 6, 1940 - August 30, 2011

Karen I. Racus, 71, a lifelong Wenatchee resident, passed away at her home in Wenatchee on Tuesday morning, August 30, 2011, following an extended illness

She was born on June 6, 1940, at Saint Anthony's Hospital in Wenatchee the daughter of the late Roy and Bernadine (Murphy) Dodd. She was raised and attended schools in Sunnyslope, where she was valedictorian of her class.

She then attended and graduated from Wenatchee High School in the class of 1958. She met and was later married to Arden E. Racus on November 9, 1959 in Wenatchee. They continued to make their home together in

Wenatchee. She later went to work as a Credit Counselor at Sears before becoming the Payroll Clerk for the Chelan County P.U.D. In 1981, they

purchased Wenatchee Body and Fender and she worked as their Secretary and Bookkeeper. In 1992, they started A & K Excavation and five years later

they started the Aerco Trucking Company in Wenatchee. She continued as the Secretary and Bookkeeper of their trucking company until they retired completely in 2002. They then wintered at their home in Yuma, Arizona.

She was a longtime member of the Loyal Order of Moose in Yuma, Arizona where she loved playing Pinochle. She enjoyed their home at Yuma, Arizona and fishing at their place in the San Juan Islands. She was an accomplished cook who was astute at all forms of needlework, quilting and crocheting.

She is survived by her husband, Arden E. Racus, Wenatchee; three sons and daughter's-in-law, Mike & Chris Racus, Spokane, Darcy & Jacki Racus, Kent,

WA and Troy & Darla Racus, East Wenatchee; two brothers and sisters'-in-law, Eugene & Diane Dodd, East Wenatchee and Roy D. & Sandy Dodd, Soap Lake, WA; eight grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, September 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post # 10, with Pastor Ron Yates officiating, In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make memorial donations in her name to Children's Hospital and Medical Center, PO Box 5371, Seattle, WA 98145. You are invited to view her tribute online and leave a message for the family at: www.heritagememorialchapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will cherish this picture forever, it was just a few days ago that you held him in your arms, it breaks my heart that you wont be around to see all these great grand boys grow up, but I know you left us knowing that you had sometime with all of them and that we all know that you loved them very much, you never wanted your picture taken and always complained about it but now looking at this one it makes me happy that we forced you to take one.

Darla Racus - September 02, 2011 at 11:21 AM

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“ I have had the honor of being a part of the Racus family for 30 years. Karen has always been the heart of the home. I will always remember how hard she worked. We had amazing times camping and at holidays. She taught me so much about being a good wife and mother. She will always be in our hearts. We will miss her.

Chris Racus - August 31, 2011 at 10:33 PM

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“ Dear Grandma, I will always cherish our Christmases together. You always had a huge bright tree decorated with ornaments your grandchildren made. All 8 of us would be running around your immaculate living room trying to sneak peeks into our stockings. We always knew we would get an orange and some cartoon-like underwear...and a little something special stuffed in there. Brittni would be jumping up and down for hours in excitement. We would beg to play the Nintendo or some cards while we waited for you to finish up Christmas dinner. The parents would start losing their patience while you, Grandpa and Great Granny would be chuckling in your chairs. My favorite Christmas present was a dress you made me. Every color in the rainbow with stripes, polka dots and tons of pockets! It matched my multi-colored slouchy socks and white keds perfectly. My mom had to pry it off of my body every time it needed to be washed. I will always remember how proud you were the day I married Rob. You and Grandpa took me aside and told me what a good man I was blessed with and how excited you were to be Great-Grandparents to our Taylor. Even though Taylor was not born from Racus blood he was born from your hearts...and we know you love him as your own as he loves you. I will always remember how you came all the way to Spokane to meet the twins in the NICU and how happy you were when you got to hold them for the first time. I wish my children had as much time with you as I did. I love you Grandma Karen and will miss you with all my heart. Love Always, Becca (First-born grand-daughter to oldest son)

Becca Grizzle - August 31, 2011 at 05:45 PM