



## Kathleen Helen Emch

April 2, 1945 - September 8, 2017

Kathleen Helen Emch, AKA Apple-"K" was born in Yakima Washington on April 2, 1945 to Nickolas Jeppa and Dorothy Marie (Mackey) Emch. Early in her life, she learned of the Christian faith, became a believer, and rose into Heaven on September 8, 2017.

Apple-"K" was raised in East Wenatchee, from kindergarten on, graduating from Eastmont High School in 1963. She was active in Blue Birds, Campfire, and the Y.M.C.A. girls group, Tri Hi Y. Most of her life she was as active as possible promoting Animal rights, Women's rights and Disabled rights issues. Having earned a scholarship to Mr. Lee's Beauty School in Seattle, she started a 30plus year career as a Cosmetologist, Manicurist, Pedicurist, Esthetician, Wig Sales & Service expert. This was the career she wanted since junior high, and there was never a day when she didn't want to go to work, a true blessing. She was among the first operators in the Wenatchee valley to legally cut men's hair in a beauty salon, a BIG deal, at the time. She worked several years at the Band Box Beauty Salon in Ellensburg as well as hosted a weekly Call-in Radio show where she answered questions about hair, skincare, make-up, and fashion. Moving back to Wenatchee, she worked at Edie Adams Cut & Curl and she enjoyed 10 years at Sakies Coiffure Center, a great learning experience at all locations. Finally, she opened her own one-woman salon, "Apple-K's" Bob Shoppe, a dream come true. Battling several serious health problems, she was forced to retire early.

"K" was blessed to help raise two stepsons, Troy & Kevan Dyal. Her oldest

nephew, Bob, his wife, Mia and daughter, Kelsey, were always there and especially good to her. Several lifelong friends, since grade school were there as well, Alice (Rohde) Todd, Karen Turnipseed and Don Vanderpan. Her mother, Dorothy; grandfather, Marion Rose and nephew, Bob D. Hutchison were always there and a very positive influence in her life.

Apple-"K" had a health problem called lupus. Avoiding the sun was very important, starting in her early twenties, she always wore sunscreen, and large brimmed hats while outside. She always chose to celebrate life by wearing colorful and or holiday themed clothing.

She was preceded in death by her dear mother, Dorothy; youngest sister, Nicky, who passed at 14; oldest sister and brother in-law, Marj & Bob Hutchison and several dear pets.

Apple"K" is survived by and older sister, LaVonne (Bill) Clyse; nephews: Bob (Mia) Hutchison, East Wenatchee, Steve (Edwina) Hutchison, Seattle.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Wenatchee Eagles Club, later to be announced. Please remember her by wearing colorful, casual clothes and if you have a memory of her, hopefully good, you may write it down to be read at the service or visit her online tribute at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com).

Arrangements are assisted by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to read about Apple Ks passing. She rented a station from me on Wash St. where she had her "Apple Ks ". We worked together for several years until she retired. Always a positive smile. She was quite a lady. A strong personality. I always think of her when I find an Apple shaped anything. I'm sorry for your loss. We just reconnected last year. She will be missed  
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