



## Marilyn Dee Gehring

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Leavenworth, Washington

After a 5 year long struggle with dementia, Marilyn Dee Gehring (King), 84, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family, on January 11, 2022. Dee was born to Esther and J.D. King. She graduated from Leavenworth High school in 1955. She has been a resident of Leavenworth her whole life.

Dee is survived by her husband Gerald Gehring, of 45 years, a great aunt, Lajuana McClure, a great uncle, Leroy King, 4 siblings, Arlene King, Dick King, Joan Roseberry, Leanna Serles, daughters Kim Booth (Mark), Suzanne Hamilton, and Shelley Vandel (Jon) and sons Scott Weston and Rob Taylor (Melinda) and Greg Gehring (Julia). Dee also has 15 grandchildren and 8 grandchildren. Dee was preceded in death by her mother Esther King, father J.D. King and niece Tiffanie Hagan.

In her high school years at LHS, Dee was a baton twirler, a majorette, a trombone player, and an honor student. She was tiny in stature, and many say the trombone was bigger than she was. While raising 5 children, Dee earned her accounting degree and opened an accounting and income tax business

called "Business as Usual". She was dedicated to helping people get the best tax returns and in the process formed many close relationships. She retired in 2010.

Dee was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was a compassionate and generous woman who always looked for ways to help others. In the 1970's Dee started a Senior Citizen dinner social where she and her children prepared dinner for Senior Citizens once a week. She also volunteered for the Trinity Table Soup Kitchen at the Nazarene church in Leavenworth. She was an incredible cook. Dee was known to recruit her family to prepare holiday meals and Christmas stockings to be taken to the homeless shelters in Wenatchee at Christmas. She loved planning and facilitating the Leavenworth class reunions with her former classmates and kept them going for the classes who graduated close to hers, until recently. Dee was also known to quietly help individuals in the community and in her family when they were in need. The stories are just coming out.

Dee has been married to Gerry Gehring for 45 years. They built a beautiful home and life together, supporting each other, raising kids and grandkids, camping, fishing, traveling, and working on projects together. They were a wonderful team.

Many will remember Dee as a person who did not give up. She loved life and did not want to leave it. She fought through many life-threatening illnesses, always keeping her faith in Christ, and asking her family to do the same.

We will remember her for the way she served others, her contagious laugh, her beautiful flower garden, and her compassionate heart.

A celebration of Dee's Life will be held in the spring due to covid and weather conditions. Place and time TBD.

Condolences can be sent to: 57 Prusik Peak Lane, Leavenworth, WA 98826.

You are invited to Dee's online tribute at [www.heritagememorialchapel.com](http://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.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Gerry, sorry to hear of your wife's passing . wish your family the best.

*Bruce Week  
Wenatchee, Wa*

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**Bruce Week** - January 20, 2022 at 12:46 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to Dee's family & friends. She was my very special friend all through elementary and high school and also at the Assembly of God Church years ago. She and I were two of the shortest gals in the class photos so usually stood close together. Darrell and I moved to Wenatchee in '05 and I had only seen her at class reunions in recent years but I'll always remember her smile and sense of humor. She will surely be missed by her classmates and friends.

*Glenda (Delzer) Sweat  
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**Glenda Sweat** - January 17, 2022 at 07:27 PM