



Monika Maria Ward

April 23, 1945 - November 22, 2013

Monika M. Ward, 68, a long-time resident of East Wenatchee passed away on Friday, November 22, 2013 at Central Washington Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

Monika was born on April 23, 1945 in Duisburg, West Germany, to Hildegard Vogel. In March of 1947, Hilde met Chuck, a handsome American soldier, and in 1948 they were married. He brought his family back to the United States and quickly adopted Monika because he felt she was 'his'. They settled in Wenatchee where Monika started elementary school. In 1956 the family moved to Waterville where she continued her education, graduating in 1963. Upon graduation she moved back to Wenatchee where she married and started her family having two beautiful daughters, Tammy and Kathy. In 1969 she met and married Cecil Bridges. Together they were very involved in stock car racing at East Wenatchee Speedway where Cecil drove Super Stocks and Monika always made sure she had her turn in the Powder Puff division. In 1974 she began her career in Real Estate and spent many years at Davenport Realty, Coldwell Banker and Century 21. During this time she was proud to be a member of Real Estate's Million Dollar Club on several occasions. In 1985 Monika met and married Arlie Ward Jr., together they made their home in East Wenatchee and ran an apple orchard. Monika loved to try her luck at Mill Bay Casino, but some of her best times were with her mother on Wednesday nights at the Bingo hall. They had a passion for BINGO like no other. Other passions were her dogs and the Seattle Seahawks. Monika had many great

friends...Bobbie Leskinen, who was like a sister, Sharon Thomas (Big Red), Pat Bellinger and Carol Adams. All of you, your love and support will not be forgotten. There are many more and Monika treasured all of them, near and far.

Monika is survived by her two daughters, Tammy (Dave) Niehaus of Snoqualmie, WA and Kathy Jeffery of Wenatchee; Her father, Chuck (Esther) Thompson, Wenatchee; siblings, Allen (Donna) Thompson of Ephrata, Tessie Kelley, Wenatchee, Melinda (Danny) White, Wenatchee, Tommie Thompson, Wenatchee; three grandchildren, Destiny, Lexi and Spencer; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Monika was preceded in death by her Mother, Hilde, infant grandson, Christopher Bridges and good friend, Pete 'Trapper' Travis.

A Celebration of Life will be held on December 7, 2013, 11:00 am at Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee. Family and friends are invited to view her online guestbook at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall



“ *lit a candle in memory of Monika Maria Ward*



March 21, 2014 at 10:34 PM



“ *Gosh, I really am Sorry for this loss in All whom were close with Monika! I want to express what I do know of this Wonderful lady though.... I know her daughter Kathy. I am unaware of her whereabouts at this time? But, What I do Know is that she was very Greatful for her Mother and Loved her With every ounce of her being! She and I have known each other for several years on a sort of real level, so to speak. I am Sorry Kathy For your loss! I know you struggled so hard to be the person your Dearest Mom desired of you! I love You and am Praying for You! All of You! Take Care!*

darcy - December 07, 2013 at 11:33 AM

TW

“ Friday night the 6th just learned of Monica's passing. Loved her for loyal friendship thru many years. We were neighbors in Wenatchee, 1967-68 I babysat the two little ones many times, Tammy and Kathy. Classmate of Allen, wore number 44 football Panther and band member. I secretly loved Tessie, she never knew it. I remember parents living in Waterville. Monica let me stay in the East Wenatchee Bridges home during a very troubled and nasty divorce I was going thru. Kathy one morning helped push car out of driveway one snow morning. Monica sold me my next home on Baker street. We stayed in touch and I visited her and Arlie on 10th street. I remarried Maggie and had to move her to Seattle area for pulmonary lung disease treatments. When she died in 2000 I visited Monica . She was always a caring friend with heart. I became a law enforcement officer for King County and as of today serve a Christian school as PE teacher. I will never forget all of you and Monica for helping me many times, too numerous to count. God Bless, respond by email if you choose. More memories to share.
Ted

Ted Weaver - December 06, 2013 at 10:29 PM

Jl

“ We miss you and love you Aunt Monika! The kids miss you, especially Jordyn. You hold a special place in all of our hearts. You don't have to worry about Skinner, he is being taken care of and has become part of our family.

Jill - December 04, 2013 at 05:32 PM

BE

“ Our dear friend Monika we miss you so much. Your pain and suffering is over, now you can rest in peace. Love you.

Big Red and Eddie - December 01, 2013 at 11:43 PM

ME

“ I miss you so much. I know you're in a much better place now. I Love you

Melinda - December 01, 2013 at 12:38 AM

WA

“ rst in peace my love i will miss you.you now are where there is no pain soar high my dear dear friend

wayne - November 27, 2013 at 06:18 PM

DA

“ Monika was so sweet....a wonderful friend from pogo.....ill miss her more then I can say.

Dave - November 27, 2013 at 01:18 PM

JA

“ You've became a dear friend from so far away. You will be missed but never forgotten

Jason - November 26, 2013 at 11:37 PM

WC

“ I amso sorry on ur lost. I got to know nikki in just a few months n she meant the world to me , Kisses to a beautiful n kind hearted woman. I will always love u

wayne chambley - November 26, 2013 at 11:23 PM

EV

“ nikki, you will be greatly missed in pogo, where u had so many friends.rest in peace.

evie - November 26, 2013 at 11:14 PM