



## Patricia Maurine Atkins

December 15, 1941 - March 25, 2012

Patricia "Pat" Atkins, 70, a 17 year Wenatchee resident, passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at Highline Care Center, following an extended illness.

She was born on December 15, 1941 in Ottawa, Illinois to Earl and Margaret (Harmon) Atkins.

In her youth, she moved to Seattle where she attended and graduated from Roosevelt High School.

She met and was later married to Jerry Niebuhr and they made their home in Seattle. They made a number of moves that included; Keokuk, Iowa and Des Plaines, Illinois.

While in Illinois, She worked for U.O.P, (Universal Oil Products) on the first punch card computers. In the winter of 1969, they moved to Monroe, WA and she went to work at the Snohomish County Clerk's office. During the mid 1990's she transferred her job to the Chelan County Clerk's office, so she could be near her family living here. She retired in 2005 and has continued to make her home in Wenatchee.

She was a member of the Wenatchee Valley Senior Activity Center and volunteered for Ducks Unlimited. Pat enjoyed her grandchildren, reading, fishing, classic movies, musicals and gambling at Mill Bay Casino.

Pat's soft spoken, kind hearted personality will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

She is survived by her three sons; Tracy Niebuhr and Todd (Shellie) Niebuhr

of Wenatchee and Jim (Bernadette) Niebuhr of Olympia, one brother; Robert Atkins, of Tennessee and five grandchildren; Amanda and Cody Niebuhr of Wenatchee and Zach, Lucas and Nicholas Niebuhr of Olympia.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her dog Suzie.

No funeral service will be held per Pat's request. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local Humane Society in loving Memory of Pat and her four legged companion Suzie.

Thank you to the Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, Central Washington Hospital, Hospice doctors & nurses and the staff at Blossom Valley and Highline Care Center for taking good care of our Mom.

A family gathering will be held at a later date. Online condolences and memories can be left for the family at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com).

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Pat in the Snohomish County Clerk's Office. Pat was always quick to laugh and was fun to be around. She would share stories about her rooster who, as I recall, was a bit difficult! One day for lunch Pat, Kathleen and I decided to go to the Everett Market on Grand Avenue. On the way back we were headed up a steep hill and had stopped at a traffic light when a logging truck pulled up behind us. When the light turned green, the logging truck went: the only problem is that the logging truck moved faster than us! After ramming into the back of Kathleen's car several times, we finally managed to pull off to the side and get out of the way. With three experienced courtroom clerks you would think we would have been prepared and taken down the license plate number but, in the scrambling of looking for a piece of paper and a pen, we didn't write down the correct information!

When Pat made the decision to move to Wenatchee, I remember how excited she was that she would be closer to her family, whom she adored. Pat was a great person, and everyone enjoyed being with her. My deepest sympathies to each of you - may you be blessed with comfort and lasting memories that always bring a smile to you.

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**Sonya Kraski** - April 12, 2012 at 02:31 PM

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“ Pat was a lovely part of my life when we worked together at Snohomish County Superior Court. We "girls" (as our Neanderthal judge referred to us) kept the courtroom running efficiently. Most importantly, we enjoyed many hours of sharing about our personal lives. I am so proud to have been the friend who introduced Pat to her beloved Suzie. My stepson had way too many puppies, and kind-hearted Pat agreed to consider adopting one if it was brown, tiny and looked like a Yorkie. It turned out that Suzie was mostly black, much larger than a Yorkie, and looked more like a poodle. Fortunately, it only took Pat about 2.3 seconds to fall deeply in love with her. Come to think of it, that's about how long it took me learn to love Patricia Atkins.

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**Peggy Witten** - April 05, 2012 at 10:42 PM

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“ Thank you so much Shelly for this wonderful memorial to Pat. She was a clerk here at Snohomish County for many years before moving to Chelan County and working for Superior Court. She was a wonderfully funny and compassionate person. For many years, Jessica and I went to Wenatchee for a brief annual "get-away" and Pat was part of that escape. We all looked forward to being together and catching up on everything. She loved her family and was very proud of her boys and grandkids. She always spoke very highly of her daughters-in-law. She will be missed :)

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**Sally Niver** - April 05, 2012 at 02:53 PM